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Germany will be united says Gorbachov

'Aim to control pace of change not prevent it'

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

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important aspect of European

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other European countries.

He said that in the present climate of East-West relations

it was likely that agreement could be inached.

developments at home.

The Soviet and East German leaders appeared to accept for the first time in the GDR and in the USSR, call for profound reflection on and an analytical approach accept for the first time vesterday that the reunification of the two German states was inevitable and that they could aim at most to control the pace of

change, not to prevent it. The East German Prime Minister, Herr Hans Modrow, told journalists in USSR have been put back a day amid reports that President Gorbachov has threatened to resign as Communist Party leader. The meeting has been postponed so as not to deale with a superior of the control Moscow that he envisaged a confederation of the two German states, but could not predict when it would be formed. clash with an important party meeting and will now take place on Thursday and Friday

Earlier, President Gorba-chov had said the idea of German unity was not in doubt, but that careful preparation was needed.

The Soviet news agency Tass reported President Gorbachov as saying that the question of German unity was not unexpected. In principle, no one has any doubt about it", but he added: "The course of events in the world,

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 The Times Crossword is 60 years old tomorrow. To mark the event this week we are publishing The Times Diamond

Lubilee Crossword, the equivalent of nine regular puzzies and the biggest we have ever compiled. The puzzle is not only

as challenging as any published since February 1, 1930, but carries 12 prizes, including a holiday for two in India

plus £1,000 cash. The third set of clues appears

PLATINUM

 There were four winners of vesterday's Portfolio Platinum competition: see page 3. Today's chance to win

£2,000 is on page 27

Ambulance vote Yesterday's day of action in support of ambulance workers was met by government reoffer and a Commons vote

Clowes link

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hostile than several of his officials to the idea of a united and international politics." The need to consider the European dimension was also emphasized by Herr Modrow, who said that no change could take place without con-sultation first with the four

Germany. Soviet policy under his predecessors was set against what they termed "revanchism", and his foreign minister, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze has continued that line. Answering questions in Rome last November, Mr

lapse or full unification with West Germany.

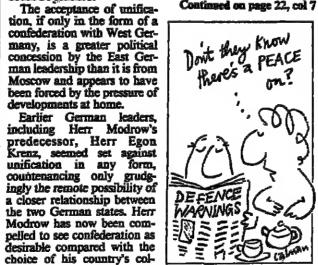
Gorbachov has seemed less

In recent months, President

Gorbachov countenanced the possibility of a united Germany, but projected it into the very distant future. Now, the speed of developments in Eastern Europe and also, per-haps, the possibility of East Germany's economic collapse as emigration continues, has instilled a sense of urgency into his words.

Yesterday, alluding to the continued street demonstrations in East German cities where earlier calls for democracy and the right to emigrate have been replaced by de-mands for unification, he was powers who divided Germany into zones of occupation at the quoted as saying: "Time itself is pressing on this process, end of the war and who still preside over the administration of Berlin, and second with giving dynamism to it. It is ary to act responsibly and not decide this important question on the streets."

Herr Modrow also spoke of the East German leadership's Continued on page 22, col 7



Black propaganda Portfolio in Ulster admitted

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

denigrating individuals and organizations for propaganda purposes operated in Northern Ireland during the early

years of the present Troubles. It also confessed that two documents had been found relating to a proposed project named Clockwork Orange suggesting the spreading of information on the organizations and activities of the

Provisional IRA. But MPs were told that no evidence had been found to show that before the project was stopped, its aims had been extended to cover Protestant organizations and individuals or to include Northern Irish

and British politicans. The admissions were made

The Government astonished an investigation into the way MPs last night by admitting in which Mr Colin Wallace, a that a policy to spread former senior information of disinformation aimed at ficer with the Army, was dismissed in 1975.

> Mr Wallace has claimed that he was victimized because he exposed dirty tricks and black propaganda campaigns that operated in Ulster when various branches of the security forces were

Mr Wallace, a senior information officer from September 1974, has stated that his terms of reference included such briefings to journalists, including the revelations of privileged and sensitive information, and a further job specification classified Secret.

In Northern Ireland, Unionist politicans said that the written answer confirmed in a written answer in which what they had always the Government announced suspected.

Crackdown on protesters | Neil acclaims



A South African policemen using his truncheon on a protester in Bloemfontein where the English cricket rebels played yesterday. Mass protest, page 10; Tour in crisis, page 46.

£1,000 libel award as

vindication

Mr Andrew Neil, the editor of considering its verdict, said: The Sunday Times, was yes-terday awarded £1,000 libel damages against Mr Peregrine Worsthorne and The Sunday Telegraph over articles about his relationship with Mrs Pamella Bordes, the former Commons researcher exposed as a prostitute.

There was a further token award of 60p — the price of a quality Sunday newspaper for Times Newspapers.

articles suggested he was unfit for his job because he had knowingly associated with a call girl. Mrs Bordes, whose prostitution was exposed in the News of the World last March, had been Mr Neil's girlfriend for four months the

Last night Mr Neil said of the verdict: "It is a model decision. The jury came down firmly on my side, but did not give an award so large that it might have embarrassed me as an editor who is often at the other end of the libel laws. I hope other juries might follow this one's example. We never sought big damages but to vindicate and establish reputation, and that we have fully achieved."

Earlier, outside the court, he had said: "I am delighted and very pleased. It was a tough fight and not pleasant to have many of these things brought back into the public eye all over again, but we have won. "Originally I asked only for

an apology."

Mr Neil said he thought he might celebrate his victory with "a small modest drink". Mr Worsthorne, who returned to work as editor of the

comment section of The Sun-day Telegraph while the jury

spent three and a half hours

"It is bizarre. I am surprised by the verdict, but readers can still look to The Sunday Telegraph as the paper that is not frightened to make fair comment. If The Sunday Times had won more than derisory damages, it would have been a verdict for censorship, but as it is, it is a victory for free speech.

"Let this case teach all editors a lesson: don't sue. If Mr Neil had claimed the you don't like the heat, get out

> Victor and vanquished...3 of the kitchen, but don't look to the law courts as a privi-leged hiding place."

Mr Neil pointed out that his side had been awarded all their costs, which could be as much as £50,000. The total costs of the case are expected to reach £250,000.

After the verdict, Mr Pat-rick Milmo, QC, for Mr Worsthorne, asked Mr Justice Michael Davies not to award costs against the defendants in respect of Times Newspapers' part in the action, saying the jury's award made it clear that it regarded it as "a nonmeritorious claim".

The judge said: "Well, if you had paid £1 into court you could have had your costs, but you did not."

It is open to desendants in libel actions to pay into court amounts offered in settlement. If they are bigger than the eventual award, costs cannot be awarded against the defendants. In this case, the defendants paid nothing into

In concluding his summing up, the judge had told the jury that whatever its verdict, Mr Neil would leave the court with his reputation intact.

Cash boost for NHS, roads and colleges annual Public Expenditure budget on March 20, which ness opinion by the Confeder- declining and output is flat

By Rodney Lord and Nigel Williamson

Public spending is to rise by £5.5 billion next year compared with plans set out a year ago. The extra money will go largely to the NHS, roads, higher education and the

This emerged when min- growing overrun in the current isters yesterday announced year, would increase pressure increased yesterday by a gen- ened, and employment is full details of their plans in the on Mr Major for a prudent erally gloomy survey of busi- expected to fall. Orders are

ed in the autumn statement by Mr John Major, the Chancellor, spending will total £179 billion next year, and £192.3 billion and £203.4 billion in the two following years.

City analysts said the rise in spending, coupled with the

Labour immediately responded to the White Paper timism at its lowest since by accusing the Government of turning its back on its responsibilities while our lower market falling steeply, for the future".

Concern about the back-

White Paper. As foreshadow- might mean raising taxes, ation of British Industry with profit margins under which showed business op- pressure.

> home market falling steeply, competitors invest and train but optimism about exports by the fall in sterling. Invest- the DM and the dollar. ground to the budget was also ment intentions have weak-

In the foreign exchange market, the pound yesterday continued to benefit from last week's better trade figures and continuing high interest rates, has recovered strongly, helped · closing slightly up against both

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Welsh lifter loses gold after tests



Ricky Chaplin, of Wales, a gold medal winner in the 75 kg category of weightlifting at the Commonwealth Games, was last night stripped of his title after failing a drugs test. The Commonwealth Games Feder-ation, announcing its decision, said that Chaplin, aged 26 of Cwmbran, had been found to have an unacceptable level of testosterone in his system.

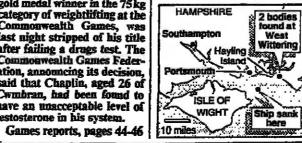
19 feared dead as storm sinks ship

A Greek cargo ship moored off the Isle of Wight in stormy nothing more until a report seas is believed to have sunk that a lifeboat had been found Coastguards fear that all 19

crew perished as the Flag Theofano plummeted in 45ft of water. Two bodies were washed

ashore in the Solent. A Solent coastguard said

they understood the ship anchored in St Helen's Roads at



yesterday so fast that no in the morning at Hayling mayday signal could be Island. We heard no mayday broadcast. "What happened to her is a complete mystery, but what

ever it was, probably happened while most of the crew were turned in down below. The search for survivors was abandoned last night as winds gusted up to gale-force eight in torrential rain and a

6ft swell.
"There seems little chance of finding anyone alive now, but we must go on until we have found some positive evidence," a coastguard said

last night at the maritime rescue centre at Lee-on-Solent, near Portsmouth.

Bad conditions stopped Royal Navy divers searching an area where an oil slick and Continued on page 22, col 4

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efuse to return 'living' head of Aborigine By Edward Gorman not been approached directly by Mr sequently sent to London.In a letter to Shields. He said the college was "aware" Dr Hillery, Mr Shields said Pemulwoy Irish Affairs Correspondent

Dr Hillery: Called on to use

Dr Patrick Hillery, Irish President, has been called on to use his influence to speed the return to Australia of a 130year-old preserved head of an Aborigine.

The head is the property of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland which received it 100 years ago in a bequest and has no intention of surrendering it, in spite of the fact that Aborigines regard the head as still living until buried properly in sacred land in Australia.

Mr Rikki Shields, an Aboriginal photographer and film maker, who is visiting Dublin, believes the head may be that of Pemulwoy, a guerrilla leader who led Aborigines in campaigns against the British until he was captured and killed in 1862. The head was sub-

still lives in the minds of Aboriginal people. He believes that the college has no right to the head which, together with other Aboriginal objects in Ireland, had been stolen originally by the British in a crime being perpetuated by the Irish.

"Nobody can own somebody else's body," Mr Shields said. "An Irishman cannot own the body of an Aborigine from Australia. We feel strongly about this. They say they got it quite legally. They are using white man's law, which was inherited from the British. Morally and spiritually, they should apologize to the Aboriginal nation. Our elders should he allowed to come over and bring home the head." Mr Joseph Grace, a spokesman for the college, said yesterday it had

of the Aboriginal legend surrounding burial ceremonies but still regarded itself as the legal custodian of the head. Mr Grace said the head was rare and unique. He said it may be used ultimately by scientists using DNA

analysis techniques to help reconstruct

the environment in which its owner lived. This could benefit all mankind. Dr Hillery's office refused to confirm that he had received a letter from Mr Shields or whether he would intervene. ■ The tattooed head of a young Maori chieftan was at the centre of similar controversy in May 1988 when it

appeared on a list for sale by Bonham's, the London auctioneers. The head was returned to New Zealand for burial.

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Ambulance unions claim massive support for public walkout

Clarke stands firm as bitterness grows over 999 dispute

ambulance workers with a tinuing refusal to budge from underlying merits of the case its final pay offer.

The unions also gave no sign of ending their 20-week dispute. Mr Roger Poole, the chief negotiator, claimed that, in a display of "people power", hundreds of thousands of people had taken part our leader, accused Mrs Mar-offer. in 15-minute rallies though some sources doubted that that many had participated.

In the Commons, after a people. short Commons debate initiated by Mr Robin Cook, the Labour health spokesman, MPs rejected by an 81-vote majority a Bill to bring in a pay mechanism for am-bulance staff similar to that enjoyed by other emergency

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, had dismissed the day of action as a "pointless" exercise that would have little bearing on the outcome of the dispute. The Prime Minister accused the ambulance staff of refusing to move in response to shifts by both the Government and inquiry with the aim of resolv-

responded to yesterday's day new money available. already a negotiating body, of action in support of the "Demos of this kind, people which is the right body to do power and the threat of strike determined display of its con- ballots ... do not alter the

> sensibly," he said. He accused the unions of pursuing an "excessive" claim and said the day of action was a "publicity-seeking" exercise.

garet Thatcher of being "completely out of touch" with the feelings of the British Labour MPs demonstrated

their solidarity with the ambulance workers by leaving Commons committees for 15 Mr Robert Maclennan, of the Liberal Democats, accused

Mrs Thatcher of dogged inflexibility. "What greater catastrophe is required to bring home to you the justice of our ambulancemen's case? he demanded.

Mr Kinnock asked for her response to the statement made by church leaders appealing for the Government to set up an independent centre came to a standstill.

Amid intensifying political the management. Mr Clarke ing the ambulance dispute bitterness the Government underlined that there was no Mrs Thatcher said: "There is Mrs Thatcher said: "There is the negotiations.

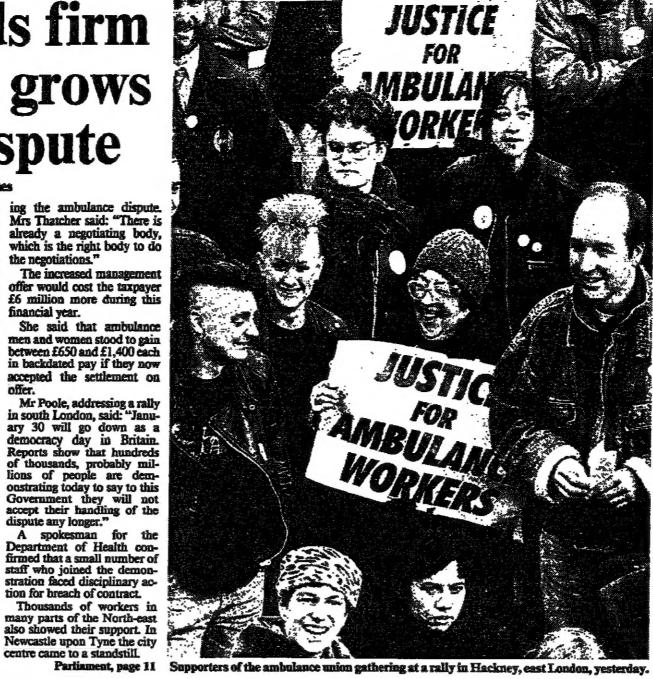
The increased management offer would cost the taxpayer which should be talked about £6 million more during this

She said that ambulance men and women stood to gain between £650 and £1,400 each in backdated pay if they now Mr Neil Kinnock, the Lab- accepted the settlement on Mr Poole, addressing a rally

in south London, said: "January 30 will go down as a democracy day in Britain. Reports show that hundreds of thousands, probably milonstrating today to say to this Government they will not accept their handling of the dispute any longer.'

Department of Health confirmed that a small number of staff who joined the demonstration faced disciplinary action for breach of contract. Thousands of workers in many parts of the North-east

Newcastle upon Tyne the city Parliament, page 11



Pay rises for public sector may be staged

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

tors and the armed forces.

suggested last night that staged in order to give a signal to the rest of the public sector imposed on the profession last and set an example to private year. employers that the defeat of inflation must remain the Government will want to overriding priority for the Government.

at Westminster that at least That award may also be some of the recommended Review Body — will be well over the rate of inflation.

Sources have suggested that armed forces and family doc- ence, said yesterday. tors could prove "awkward" for the Government.

The Government is expected to keep the first stage of any awards below 8 per cent and to delay the remainder until later in the year.

a yardstick for wage increases in the public sector. One ministerial source said:

"We have not been fighting this battle over ambulance pay for nothing. The right signal has to be given."

If the Cabinet reaches a conclusion tomorrow the pay the afternoon. The review casting couch."

The Cabinet is preparing to bodies cover doctors and dentake a tough line tomorrow on tists, nurses and midwives, pay awards for more than a allied health professions, hop million public servants, in-cluding nurses, teachers, doc-isory committee on teachers' pay, which will also be deter-

Senior government sources mined tomorrow. The difficulty for the Govawards above the rate of erament over general pracinflation were likely to be titioners arises from the new performance-related contract

It is understood that the sweeten GPs by giving those who fulfil the contract a pay There is intense speculation rise well into double figures.

awards - which also include Regular monitoring of teathat from the Top Salaries chers' performance will help to determine their pay and promotion chances, Mr Alan Howarth, Under Secretary of the proposed awards for the State for Education and Sci-

Mr Howarth said that the Government did not see adirect or automatic link between pay, promotion and

appraisa He added: "It does seem to us quite legitimate and de-The decisions will be seen as sirable, in the interests of the profession, for information gained through the process of appraisal to be taken into account, along with other relevant factors."

Rejecting the proposal, Mr Dong McAvoy, general sec-retary of the National Union of Teachers, said: "There is no place in education for the

NEWS ROUNDUP

Hindley attacked in Brady letter

Ian Brady, imprisoned for life for his role in the Moors murders, yesterday launched an attack on Myra Hindley in an attempt to thwart Lord Longford's "misguided and naive campaign" to secure her parole. In a letter from Park Lane mental hospital, Liverpool, Brady suggested that Hindley was a far more active participant in the murders in the 60s than she has admitted.

He alleges that the true story behind the child killings was that Hindley had "insisted" on strangling Lesley-Ann Downey herself and had personally selected the couple's victims. Brady says that all the evidence he gave at the trial in 1966 was designed to save Hindley from prison because "we loved each other".

Lord Longford said last night: "Ian Brady is in a mental hospital. He is a sick man."

Gunmen jailed for life
Robert Adams, aged 38, a publican, of Bushmills, Co
Antrim, and Robert Cooper, aged 22, of Fortherse
Crescent, Belfast, admitted "loyalist" terrorists, were given life sentences at Belfast Crown Court yesterday for their part in the murder of three Catholics. Their victims died when Ulster Volunteer Force gummen attacked the Avenue Bar in. McGahan, Paul McBride and Damien Devlin.

Aids compensation

Haemophiliacs infected with the Aids virus after treatment with contaminated blood products are expected to start receiving tax-free lump sums of £20,000 today. Mrs Virginia Bottomley, Minister of State for Health, said yesterday that the money would go to more than 1,000 haemophiliacs, or their next of kin. The Macfarlane Trust will administer payments from £19 million allocated by the Department of ments from £19 million allocated by the Department of Health to help meet the needs of victims and their families.

Museum takes prize

The Museum of the Moving Image, on the South Bank in London, and the first four phases of the Broadgate. development in the City, have won the top prizes in this year's awards for innovation in building design and construction, organized by the PA Consulting Group, it was announced yesterday (Charles Knevitt writes). The winning buildings, designed by Avery Associates and Arup Associates respectively, were chosen from 35 entries.

Blackmail charges A former Scotland Yard detective accused of trying to extort

A former Scotland Yard detective accused of trying to extort £1.25 million from Heinz, was also charged yesterday with-contaminating products, including baby food and soup, in an alleged £2.75 million blackmail campaign. Rodney Witchelo, a security guard, aged 42, of Station Lane, Hornchurch, Essex, was remanded in custody from Marylebone Court for trial at the Central Criminal Court on 12 charges, six alleging blackmail threats,

Banned driver jailed

A motorist who drove a car a month after being disqualified from driving for 30 years was sentenced to six months' imprisonment yesterday. Leicester Magistrates' Court was told that Jeremy Smith, aged 26, had 28 previous convictions for driving offences, including eight for drink-driving, for which he had served several prison sentences. Smith, of Northfields, Leicester, admitted driving while disqualified and driving without third-party insurance.

Attack by police on 'incompetent' CPS

By Sheila Gunn, Political Reporter

been accused by the police of allowing suspected criminals to walk free from court.

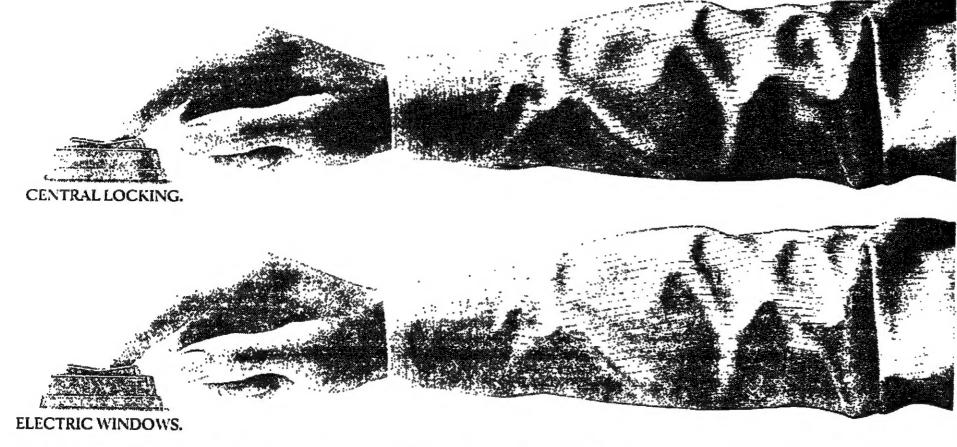
Representatives from police bodies have complained to MPs that "case after case" is being lost through mis-handling by the Crown Prosecution Service.

Most notably they cite the failure to prosecute for racial attacks, assaults on police officers and domestic violence, even when there appears to be strong evidence.

The strongest indictment to date of the CPS will be presented to the Commons

Incompetent prosecutors have by the police, barristers and magistrates. It refers to cases lost because of alleged incom-petence by CPS lawyers; charges reduced to speed up court proceedings; and a rise in escapes from courtrooms. It also claims CPS lawyers have undermined links between the police and minority communities and failed to use new powers in the drugs war.





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Neil: First of Britain's

satellite TV generation

Sir John Junor suggested in

the Sunday Express that he

combined two rare qualities:

complete megalomania and

Despite his tough exterior,

friends say he is sensitive to

criticism and hates not to be

liked. "He is like someone

with his face pressed to the

outside of a window looking

and Alan Hamilton

Those who remember the

schooldays of the two protago-

nists in the libel trial which

provided such a wealth of

average school. One is the product of Scottish egalitari-anism, the other of English

Stowe pupils tended to

have been sent there by their

mothers - it having a reput-

ation for being much less

spartan than many of its

period. And so it was Mr

Worsthorne, to the initial

dismay of the boy who would

Opened in 1923 in a Buckinghamshire mansion.

Stowe was a liberal school

with a middle-of-the-road aca-

demic reputation. "You could

get a good education if you

wanted it," according to contemporaries of Mr Wors-

thorne, who went there in

"There were a lot of oafs

there, but Perry was one of the

grandees," a school friend said. "He had far more of an

intellectual interest in his studies than most of his class.

He achieved what he did by brilliant intelligence.

"At school, he had already

become a historian. He was

hours in discussion and de-

bate with classmates in-

for his debating skills. Miss

Mr Neil is also remembered

terested enough to listen."

rather have gone to Eton.

The phrase "ageing bimbette" entertainment recall Mr Pere-may have come as a surprise to Mr Justice Michael Davies grine Worsthorne as a far-above-average pupil at an

Mr Justice Michael Davies above-average pupil at an average public school, while

but the case did little else to Mr Andrew Neil emerges as

rock the sangfroid of a judge an average pupil at an above-

as writing them has never has not always won him

The Sunday Times in 1983, he should appear less on tele-was appearing on television vision. Mr Michael Grade on both sides of the Atlantic. went further and said he

career, he said: "I'm going to the common touch."

posed a problem for Andrew admirers.

When appointed editor of

Then, in perhaps the most

prophetic statement of his

have to rein back and con-

centrate on The Sunday

Times, but I still expect to pop

and the Establishment to sat-

the libel

battlefield

By David Sapsted

who has overseen most recent

At the age of 68, he is

England's most senior libel

judge, and he sat on the bench for the Tolstoy case last year

that resulted in record £1.5

million damages for Lord Aldington, the former Conser-

The media have incurred his

wrath more than once, Sir

Michael not being at all keen on the toings and froings on the press bench — he once

ordered the court doors locked

to keep reporters in their

seats. More seriously, he made his displeasure felt when The San reached an out-of-court £1 million settlement

with Elton John the day before

he was due to hear the case.

He then expressed dis-approval of the newspaper's "pre-emptive strike" in pub-lishing a front-page story about the settlement, saying his court had been turned into

"a supine adjunct to a pub-licity machine for pop stars

Nevertheless, his knack for

error - which he promptly

rectified - was to set a date for

a case involving the-then Eng-

land soccer captain Kevin

and newspapers".

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Pay rises for public sector to be staged

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Brady letter

Electrician is Victor and vanquished: Editors face their peers sentenced for bad work that cost life

By David Sapsted

An electrician was found guilty of manslaughter yes-terday for shoddy work that cost the life of a father.

Lawyers immediately predicted that the long-awaited decision at Maidstone Crown Court could have far-reaching consequences for anyone from car mechanics to doctors death by poor workmanship.

After one of the first prosecutions of its kind, Stephen Holloway, aged 43, from Ashford, Kent, received a nine-month suspended prison sentence for the manslaughter of Mr Stephen French, aged 23. Mr French died in front of his son aged one when he was electrocuted after touching the steel sink at his grandmother's home in High Halden.

Holloway had wired up a new central heating system at the house and had connected a live wire in the programmer to an earth lead in the junction box. The error meant that, at certain times, anything con-nected to metal pipework in the house was live.

Aftermembers of the family had repeatedly received shocks from the system and after a delivery driver had been knocked from the top of an oil tank by the jolt he received, the electrician had twice checked his work and declared it to be sound. Mr French, who was in stockinged feet and standing on a damp floor when he received the shock, died five months after the installation.

Last night, Sir David
Napley, one of Britain's foremost criminal solicitors, said:
"In this modern age life has become cheap and I think that
Holloway, who was a said other a change in policitors, has the spublic at large." where someone has, by reason of recklessness, terminated someone else's life; it is desirable they be prosecuted. It is a warning to others. If such prosecutions enforce the message that people have a duty to take care to safeguard the lives of others, then it must be welcomed."

A leading criminal lawyer said: "This is the first case anyone can recall of its kind. The ramifications could be enormous: electricians, builders, car mechanics, doctors



Mr French: Had stockinged feet on a damp floor.



Stephen Holloway: Work defective and reckless.

prosecution. As the Crown Prosecution Service has shown over the decision to prosecute both individuals and P&O over the Zeebrugge - deemed to have caused a ferry tragedy, it is more prepared to pursue manslaughter prosecutions after a fatality." The CPS decided to pros-

... anyone, in fact, who

undertakes work and makes a mistake that leads to some-

one's death is now more

vulnerable to a criminal

ecute Holloway after receiving a report from Ashford CID, compiled because two South-Eastern Electricity Board electricians called to the scene of the tragedy – and who found the source of the problem within 30 minutes – considered the error to be so appallingly elementary.

In finding Holloway guilty, the jury found the crucial test of recklessness proved, despite the fact the electrician, who had pleaded not guilty, had been back to check his work. Mr Douglas Stewart, a lead-

ing litigation solicitor, said the decision to launch a criminal prosecution after Zeebrugge had marked a change in the CPS approach.

"Until recently, people who have suffered a loss have asked solicitors to seek huge sums of money in compensation as a punitive measure against those responsible.

"In fact, the punitive ele-ment should come from the Crown Prosecution Service and their decision to prosecute in this and other cases reflects a change in policy which, I believe, has the support of the

up and gain the paper publicity from time to time." Lawyers pointed out that And how. Whether suggest-ing a rift between the Queen into a room where an upper-Holloway, who was originally tried at Maidstone last year and Mrs Thatcher or attempt- crust cocktail party is taking but on that occasion the jury ing to discredit the Thames place. He despises those inwas unable to reach a verdict, Television film about the side, but wishes he had been would not have faced any criminal charge had Mr French not died. "If Mr Gibraltar IRA killings, his invited," a former colleague newspaper seems to make the said yesterday. news as much as report it. French had been paralysed for A frequent guest on radio the world of politics; Mr Neil life, there could have been no and television shows, he has did it the other way round. His criminal proceedings. There would have been no lesser been equally forthright on first job after graduating from anything from trade unions Glasgow University in 1971 criminal charge than man-

slaughter that could have been brought," one said.

Mr Michael Worsley, QC, for the prosecution, had told the jury the work was done "badly, negligently, and indeed recklessly."

Sentencing Holloway, Mr Justice Boreham said: "Your greatest error was despite at least two visits, maybe three, you failed to detect that fault by wholly inadequate testing by you."

After the hearing, Mr French's mother said: "I always knew he was guilty. I am glad the court has decided that too. The sentence was satisfactory but nothing is going to bring Nicholas back."

Holloway said: "This is a great tragedy for everyone involved. I am considering an

The Electrical Contractors' Association said tha case carried "a tragic warning that people should not rely on 'cowboys' to undertake skilled work for them, even if the price appears more att-

Customers should always insist that electricians who undertake work are members of a recognized trade association, it said. "Holloway was not and, unfortunately, there are too many independents operating outside any controls at all."

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Stylish wardrobe full of bargains

The personal wardrobe of Valentina Schlee, the Russian refugee who became conturier to Katherine Hepburn and Greta Garbo, came under the hammer at Christie's, New York yesterday, with mixed

tive "little black" dresses, complete with the swaggering shoulder pads of the 1940s, two classic halter-style eve-ning dresses doubled their estimate at \$1,870 (£1,160). A beige crepe cape with gathered bood fetched six times its estimate, at £2,200.

Mpetent CPS

was to sell everything today so some people managed bar-gains," Christie's said, even better. In our Time, Among these were two black signed "Ernest" and given to wool jackets at £156 (half the the obstetrician who delivered estimate).

student during the Russian Revolution, fled to America in 1918 with her husband George Schlee. Her business began when New Yorkers started they were all her own ideas.

First editions of books by American authors went Emile Galle vase ever to through the roof at Sotheby's appear at auction, in April.

SALEROOM by Sarah Jane Checkland Art Market

Correspondent

New York yesterday at the From a selection of distinc-ve "little black" dresses, massive H Bradley Martin book collection. One of only 600 copies of Henry James's The Bostonians published by Macmillans in London 104 years ago fetched \$13,200 (£8,250), after being estimated at \$2,000. His Daisy Miller of Stimate, at £2,200. 1879 sold for \$17,600, or "The executors' intention £11,000 (estimate \$1,000).

Some signed first editions the children of Hemingway's Valentina, a beautiful ballet second marriage, tripled its estimate at \$25,300.

H Bradley Martin was an obsessive, Oxford-educated American collector who died in 1988, having assembled a asking where she found the virtually complete collection wonderful clothes she was of the classic illustrated wearing and she confessed ornithology books from the 16th century onwards. • Christie's is to sell the tallest

By Simon Tait

coming up with quotable enthralled by the subject, and

quotes has endeared him to enthralling. He would spend journalists. His one glaring hours in discussion and de-

charge in 1984. His departure signals £250,000. Sir Ian Hunter, former the end of a long-running power chairman of the ENB, retired last the end of a long-running power

struggle with the board. The ballet was formerly called the London Festival Ballet, but the name was changed to appeal more to provincial theatres which had been put off by the association with the capital. However the name change brought criticism from the English National Opera whose Coliseum thearre in London the dancers used as

disagreement, rent for use of the Coliseum, negotiated annually, was increased for last summer's season to a figure the ballet company could not afford. The ENB went to the Dominion Theatre where it made a loss of

November and was replaced by Mr Ronnie Gorlin, but his election was not accepted by some members of the

Yesterday she daid: "Peter Schaufuss has made a significant contribution to the development of the company but in recent times irreconcilable differences have developed between him and the board, and the board has come to the reluctant decision that his contract should be

terminated with immediate effect. "We wish him every success for his

Worsthorne: Last of the Fleet Street romantics When Peregrine Gerard Wors- office politics and man-

thorne wrote his leader about ocuvrings. Andrew Neil and Donald Trelford, he reflected about the editors of yesteryear - and unintentionally provided the

"Editors of quality news-

He persuaded the head of an

Some journalists go on to Now aged 40, Mr Neil has was as political adviser to Mr ellite television and Wapping. Peter Walker, then in the but given his ambitious s Although extremely bright, Heath Cabinet. His journalist the headlines are bout quick-witted and eloquent, his tic career began on The continue to follow him. the beadlines are bound to

Making the headlines as well aggressive, combative attitude Economist in January 1973, where he reported on Northern Ireland, Parliament and trade unions before becoming correspondent in the US in 1979. He became UK editor in

His love affair with tele-vision and new technology blossomed in America, where he admired the greater choice of programmes.

American anti-trust consultancy to let him set up a British arm to advise and campaign on the deregulation of television. With Mr Rupert Murdoch contemplating involvement in satellite transmission, their paths were bound to cross.

recently returned to edit The Sunday Times full-time after launching Sky Television's four satellite channels. What the future holds is unclear but given his ambitious streak, nearest thing to a self-portrait.

papers used to be hommes serieux - frequenters of Oxbridge high tables, learned seminars, European chancelleries, establishment dinners," he opined.

Colourful, at times classically outrageous, and most certainly a romantic, "Perry" is one of the most distinctive figures of what is still referred to as Fleet Street While at the helm of The

Sunday Telegraph, he would probably have preferred to have edited from the reassuring comfort of the Garrick club rather than the impersonal Isle of Dogs.

part to his genteel ways and his inability to handle the

The egalitarian and the elitist: A cricketing Andrew Neil in Paisley Grammar's first eleven.

and the romantic Peregrine Worsthorne seen through the pencil of a Stowe contemporary.

were very serious and worked

hard. I remember Andrew as a

fairly average pupil who liked

Up in Paisley, Mr Neil is

admired by pupils, parents and teachers because of the

interest he took when the

playing cricket."

The brevity of his hold on the editor's chair was due in

elled to the Daily Telegraph. Mr Worsthorne's distinctive brand of Conservatism

and Establishment pedigree was often spiced with a mischievous delight in shocking people - as when he told the wife of his schooldays seducer George Melly: "Of course, we've got a lot in common." In 1975, he uttered a four-

letter word on television and was temporarily suspended from duties on The Sunday Telegraph. In spite of his print journalism elegance, he has always appeared out of place

Apart from being seduced at Stowe, he won an exhibition to Peterhouse, Cambridge. His university career was interrupted by war, but after completing his degree, he started on the journalistic ladder in 1946 as a sub-editor on the Glasgow Herald. He moved quickly to The Times and after five years as a sub-

cident. One contemporary

said: "When we went up to

university we were horrified

to meet boys from Harrow

with their louche tales of

homosexuality there. Stowe

had nothing to compare with

companies on tour in Britain this

year. Mr Schaufuss, aged 39, has had

notable triumphs during his five years

He was responsible for the recent

season of The Nutcracker which broke

box office records at the Royal

Festival Hall taking more than £1

million for the first time in the

company's history, and giving it a

It was Mr Schaufuss who invited

Natalia Makarova to stage her

production of Swan Lake and in-

troduced the work of many major

choreographers including Roland

as the company's artistic director.

that."

But he made his name on The Sunday Telegraph, which he joined in 1961. He hoped to take over as

editor in 1976, and made no effort to hide his disappointment when he was over-looked. "I am extremely bitter. I have every reason to be. I have been absolutely reliable, never drunk or anything like that, and this is the reward I get."

His turn finally came a decade later and he revitalized what had become a rather staid paper, but his success was short-lived. Sadly for him, he did not fit into his superiors' plans for a seven-day Telegraph,

As he subsequently explained in a typically frank magazine column, he was told of his fate over two perfectly poached eggs on buttered toast at Claridges by Mr Knight, who the day before had been invited to Perry's party at the

Master of The cradles of two schools of thought

benefit There were four winners of yesterday's £2,000 Portfolio Platinam competition, and they intend to spend their

winnings very practically.

The Rev Christopher Unwin will use his share for an appeal at his church of St Bartholomew, Long Beuton, near Newcastle on Tyne. Mr James Mollett, of Futham, south-west London, said he was thinking of buying a bicycle.

They share the prize with Mr Louis Lee, of Sunning-dale, Berkshire, and Miss Jill Mee, a pensioner from Crawley, West Sussex, who said she would use her money to pay the poll tax. Each receives £500.



present this year's Community Enterprise Awards, sponsored by *The Times*, the Royal Institute of British Architects, and Business in the Community, at the in-stitute's headquarters in London on July 19, Kensington Palace announced yester-day (Charles Knevitt writes).

for a balf-day conference on the role of professionals in community development, and on access to funding for

community-led projects. The fifth annual awards scheme was launched by Lord Scarman, its chairman, two weeks ago. The closing

Further details and appli-

ENTERPRISE TCE Prince to Glasgow, said of one competition: "Andrew was an outstanding speaker. With his fellow pupil, Four-Eyes Laing, he swept the board, beating a he swept the board, beating a pared with today's pupils. We Stowe, the story of Mr Worsthorne's seduction by George Melly, retold in court last week, was dismisssed as something of an isolated inmeet the

Winners The Prince of Wales will

The Prince, patron of the

awards, will meet the win-ners of nine categories and hand over more than £30,000 in prize money.
Plans are also underway

date for entries is March 7.

cation forms are available from Mr Robin Dean, administrator, CES, Royal Institute of British Architects, 66 Portland Place, London, W1N 4AD (Telephone: 01-581 5533).

than school dances. Keegan for the middle of the Lea Allan, his teacher at school was threatened with And nor, it would appear, 1982 World Cup. Mr William Robertson, a closure in 1987. Down at did Paisley. Paisley Grammar School, near English National Ballet dismisses artistic director

number of English schools

which were expected to win."

seen as a serious, mature schoolboy who tried to stop his peers smoking, and al-though he liked the girls, he

was more interested in cricket

The young Andrew Neil was

Arts Correspondent The artistic director of the English National Ballet has been dismissed in

the latest development in the trouble-

Mr Peter Schaufuss had his contract terminated with immediate effect yesterday because of "irreconcilable differences" with the ENB's board of management. The differences are thought to be over the artistic programme and methods of dealing with the company's growing delicit,

now £350,000. Mr Schaufuss was born in Denmark. He had an international reputation as dancer, for a time dancing with the company of which he took

Unconnected with the renamine

board. The Arts Council brought in an outsider, Lady Harlech, as chairman from the beginning of January.

The ENB is due to send two

Petit, Christopher Bruce, George Balanchine and Maurice Bejart.

Mr Bruce is to remain as the company's choreographer.

surplus of £41,000.

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PUBLIC EXPENDITURE WHITE PAPER

Rise of £5.5bn in public spending plans

By Rodney Lord Economics Editor

he Government's public spending plans, published yesterday in 21 volumes, provide for a £5.5 billion increase in spending next year compared with plans in last ;; year's White Paper.

Health and roads get more, along with British Rail and London Transport, the arts and higher education. Real increases are planned in benefits for the longterm sick and disabled with money also for a new initiative to tackle

Among the main points are an increase in National Health Service spending of £2.4 billion, another £420 million over two years for the inner cities, 1,100 extra police officers with 1,200 support staff, £500 million more on higher education, £900 million on the Youth Training Scheme and £1.2 billion

on training the longer-term jobless.

The proposals are already under pressure from a rise in public spending in the present year. Spending this year is expected to be £1.36 billion higher than the £168.4 billion planned in the last White Paper, a bigger overshoot than forecast at the time of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's autumn

The rise in spending in 1989-90 underlines the pressures on Mr John Major to raise taxes in the Budget on March 20. As a result of the Government's public spending decisions in the autumn, spending next year is planned to rise as a percentage of total spending in the economy for the first time since

City economists expect the budget surplus this year to turn out at between £8 billion and £10 billion, compared with the original intenhigher public spending and partly because of lower tax payments reflecting the slowdown in the

In last week's debate on the autumn statement, Mr Major conceded that the surplus would be lower than the revised forecast of £12.5 billion. If the surplus is to remain at a prudent level, some City analysts think tax increases

will be necessary. The main reason for the rise in spending this year since the autumn statement is the £150 million extra on compensating investors in Bar-low Clowes and £62 million on Britain's contribution to the stabilization fund for Poland. Local authority spending has also been running ahead of forecast as councils increase their spending ahead of the new regime for capital controls which comes into operation in

On the Treasury's new definition, planned spending for next year is £179 billion, or about £5.5 billion higher than planned previously. Totals for the next two years are £192,3 billion and £203.4 billion, unchanged from the autumn statement.

Department running costs are expected to rise by 9.6 per cent year, significantly above the rate of inflation and in line with recent pay settlements. The Treasury said yesterday that there was no pay assumption behind the figures. The increase was due to expansion of departmental responsibilities in priority areas such as health and the

s a percentage of gross national product, general government expenditure is expected to be about 39 per cent, slightly higher than the 38.75 per cent forecast for the present year. In the next two years, the downward trend resumes with figures of 38.75 per cent and 38.5 per cent.

Incinded in the yearly spending totals are reserves of £3 billion, £6 billion and £9 billion successively. Privatization proceeds are planned to be £5 billion in each year, although in the present year they are expected to fall short at £4.25

Capital spending, which is described as public sector asset creation to emphasize the limits of the Treasury definition, is forecast to rise from £7.15 billion last year to £8.29 billion in the present year. This excludes public projects such as the Dartford bridge, east London, which are being financed by the private sector under a

City analysts said the White Paper in general confirmed the plans set out in the Chancellor's autumn statement, but there was concern about some of the assumptions behind the figures.

Mr Simon Briscoe, of Greenwell Montagu, said: "The assumption credible but the 3 per cent rise in the retail price index the year after is surely an underestimate."

The main purpose of the White Paper in the new form introduced last year is to provide a detailed survey by government departments of spending on different programmes and what the money is buying. Included is a wide range of performance indicators.

The Home Office says that targets for processing immigration appeals have been exceeded by 20 per cent this year. The Department of Education and Science reports that the number of first degree graduates has increased from 119,000 to 131,000 between 1985-86 and 1989-90. The Department of Energy estimates represent annual savings from energy efficiency programmes of well over £500 million.

The Inland Revenue says the cost per employee for income tax cases has fallen in real terms from £13.07

about inflation next year seems in 1985-86 to £12.36 in 1988-89. The Department of Health says that the target of 70,000 cataract opera. tions this financial year has been exceeded already by 11,740. Both Treasury ministers and the Commons select committee on the Treasury are keen to re-focus interest in the White Paper on value

for money. The new spending plans are all drawn up on the Treasury's acce definition of public spending which includes local authority spending financed by central government grants but excludes local spending which is financed locally

through the community charge. The idea behind the change is that the government figures should reflect only the things that government can control, leaving the rest to local accountability.

The Government's Expenditure Plans 1990-91 to 1992-93 (Stationery Office, Cmd 1021; published in 21

Cash to predict global warming

By Michael McCarthy, Environment Correspondent

Substantial new funding for environmental research may lead to a breakthrough in predicting the effects of global warming, according to the public expenditure White

The White Paper says that by 1993, the UK Centre for Climate Change Prediction. now being set up after being announced by Mrs Margaret Thatcher last November, should be able to start work on regional predictions of the greenhouse effect.

Until now, one of the greatest uncertainties about global warming has been that computer models have been able to give only a general, average prediction of the warming of the atmosphere for the world as a whole.

The guess is that, at present rates of carbon dioxide emission from industry, motor vehicles and power stations, world temperatures will increase by between 1.5C and 4.5C by about 2030.

However, big and unknown regional variations may be experienced, making effective planning to take account of though it intends to spend changes in rainfall, agricul- £16.1 million on the care and tural productivity and rising sea levels virtually impossible.

93, the work on climate a 10 per cent increase in nsae tenuco predictions to a position where they may be further next year. developed for regionally specific purposes." Funding for the study will rise from £600,000 this year to £5.7 million in 1990-91, with most of the money going on the establishment of the centre.

It is the biggest rise in a predicted 21 per cent increase in research spending from £36 million this year to £42.3 million in 1992-93 by the Department of the Environment. Other areas of research will include air pollution, environmental economics and

the North Sea.

The the Nature Conservancy Council (NCC) and the agency, which is being Countryside Commission will groomed for privatization, will be £30 million. By 1992 increase of more than 20 per cent over three years, with the NCC's budget increasing from £40.2 million to £48.6 million and the commission's budget rising from £22.2 million to

The NCC provision includes funding for its controversial division into English, Scottish and Welsh agencies

said last November that most of the extra funding "is intended to provide a direct boost to conservation work".

The National Rivers Authority, which took over the regulatory functions of the former regional water authorities in England and Wales last September, is developing its first corporate plan and so does not have long-term in-

However, the White Paper the authority is to receive £93.3 million in grant-in-aid to add to the £63.5 million it expects to earn by charging for

The authority will receive only £6.6 million in receipts from fishing licences, al-

• The body which oversees year, according to the White Paper (David Walker writes).

vices, which was created to protect consumers from unjustified increases in water and sewerage bills, now has 46 staff. That will rise to 102 by the end of 1990-91; its budge will rise from £3 million to £5

of the Property Services Agency is also shown. In 1990the scheduled privatization date - the agency ought to be repaying about £10 million to the Government.

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discharge sewage.

Punning costs, exclusive of the authority's reponsibilities for flood defence, are expected to be £167.5 million. Flood defence expenditure will be a further £180.8 million.

The centre is being set up at authorities, which are 75 per the Meteorological Office at cent funded by the Govern-Bracknell, Berkshire. The ment with other costs met by White Paper says: "By 1992- county councils, are to receive £9.06 million to £9.97 million

come or expenditure targets.

shows that in its first full year, licences to abstract water and

The seven national park

A big drop in the public cost

Pressure to increase receipts collected by government agencies also explains how the Government expects the Ordnance Survey to cost a third less in 1992-93 in cash terms, although staff numbers will

maintenance of fisheries.

water bills is expected to double its staff during the next

The Office of Water Ser-

Inflation threat to funding

HEALTH SERVICE

By Jill Sherman Social Services Correspondent

Health authorities may face financial difficulties if health service pay and prices rise higher than the 5 per cent inflation assumed in the public expenditure White Paper.

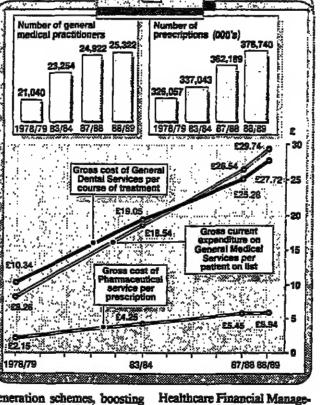
Awards well above this are expected shortly from both the doctors' and nurses' pay review bodies. There is bound to be a knock-on effect on other NHS pay groups.

If the Government fails to fully fund pay rises for the 400,000 nurses and 80,000 doctors any real increase in health service funding in 1990-91 will be severely eroded.

Health authorities know that they will get no extra money for pay increases for the remainder of the million NHS employees. Although spending on the

NHS as a whole is to go up by £2.4 billion in 1990-91, health authorities get only an extra £1.16 billion, bringing spending levels to £14.8 billion. That represents a 3.4 per cent rise in real terms, as long as inflation sticks to 5 per cent.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, expects health authorities to find a further £150 million in cost improvement programmes and £25 million in income



eneration schemes, boosting

the rise to £1.3 billion. The NHS has calculated that at best health authorities will have £344 million revenue growth money, but once existing debts are clawed back that will drop to £236 million. If, as they predict, inflation runs at 7 per cent in the next financial year, the authorities

could have a £37 million

ment Association. The White Paper contains no surprises for the health service, confirming figures announced in the autumn

statement. Spending on the NHS in England will increase from £19.9 billion to almost £22 billion next year. It is expected to rise to £23.3 billion in 1991-92 and to £24,4

provide little extra to implement health service reforms. This financial year, £85 million was allocated to help meet the preliminary costs of the Government's reforms. A further £300 million - about

£180 million revenue and

£150 million capital - is to be allocated in 1990-91. Mr Clarke's decision to spend money on implementing the changes before legislation has been introduced is being contested in the High

Court today by a group of con-sultants led by Professor Ha-rry Keen, of Guy's Hospital. The White Paper confirms that spending on demand-led family practitioner services will go up by £583 million, an increase of 7.3 per cent in real terms, bringing total resources on primary health care ser-

vices to nearly £5.4 billion. Net spending on these services is set to rise to £5.8 billion in 1991-92 and £6.4 billion in 1992-93.

The White Paper shows that prescription, dental and optical charges are expected to bring in £600 million, up by £72 million, nearly double the increase of the previous year. Spending on social security will rise from £52.6 billion to £55.6 billion in 1990-91 and to £63.5 billion in 1992-93.

Expenditure on sick and disabled people is expected to rise from £9.5 billion to £13.4 billion in 1992-93. Spending on the unemployed is likely to go up from £4.7 billion to £5.6 billion in 1992-93.

Cost of roads to rise £680m

By Michael Dynes, Transport Correspondent

Government spending on extending and maintaining the national road network is on target to increase by £680 million over the next few years, bringing overall spendng on roads to £1,985 million

Of this, £25 million has been designated for an early start to a road construction programme outlined in the Roads to Prosperity White Paper published last May, and £40 million to speed up completion of road schemes such as the M40 between Oxford and Birmingham.

Other priorities in the existing programme include the MI-AI link in the East Midlands, the M66 in Manchester. the A27 Brighton bypass, schemes on the A406 North Circular Road, north London, upgrading of the Al in Yorkshire, the Al3 to London Docklands, and the All to Norwich.

Completion of the Roads to Prosperity programme will increase the motorway network to 2,700 miles of new and widened roads — mainly in an effort to relieve congestion along key inter-urban routes at a cost of £14 billion over the next decade.

The expanded roads programme is needed to help minimize the impact of revised traffic forecasts which <u>ga maximum 47 per cent</u> increase in vehicle numbers by 2,000, a maximum 85 per cent increase by 2010, and a maximum 142 per cent increase by 2025.

The policy aims of the existing and new roads programmes include the promotion of economic growth by reducing transport costs, the improvement of the environment by removing through traffic from towns and villages, enhancing road safety, and preserving past invest- considerable strain, partiment in the road network at larly during peak periods.

TRANSPORT

minimum cost, the White Paper says. The Government's determination to press ahead with new roads schemes will be

lobby groups. However, it is likely to be greated with dismay by environmental organizations, which say that the Department of Transport has failed to appreciate the environmental consequences of in-creased vehicle emissions.

welcomed by the British Road

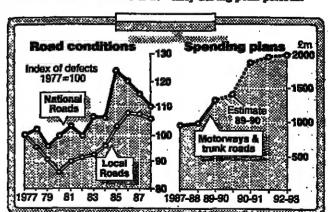
Federation and other pro-road

The White Paper says the results of a 1988 road condition survey show there has also been a tangible improvement in the quality of roads over the past three years although there remain considerable variations between re-

gions and classes of road. It reiterates the Government's determination to reduce British Rail's annual subsidy from £533 million received last year to £358 million by 1993, based on increased operating efficiency, reduced manpower and maintainance costs, and continued

increases in ticket sales. It adds that investment is expected to continue increasing from the present level of £674 million in 1989-90, to .186 million by 1993. This includes completing the electrification of the east coast mainline between London and Edinburgh, and the introduction of new rolling,

stock on Network SouthEast. * Demand for London Underground services is expected to show an annual 2 per cent increase over the next few years, and services are expected to increase to meet demand, although the system is likely to remain under considerable strain, particu-



Defence budget grows despite improved East-West relations

DEFENCE

The Government's defence spending plans give no hint of possible changes in the size of the military budget in the next two years to take account of the diminishing threat from the Warsaw Pact. Defence spending will con-

tinue to rise by an average of 1 per cent a year in real terms, from the present £20.3 billion to £21.2 billion for 1990-91 and £22.3 billion in 1991-92. Treasury officials said that defence spending between now and 1992 was confirmed. The Ministry of Defence was the first of the big departments to win a three-year settlement, claiming it was needed for

proper planning. However, the officials said that the 1990-91 defence budget could still be "opened up" if the Government decided to change its policy on military spending in the light of a conventional arms control pereement and the new political circumstances.

The document was drawn up before the fall of the Berlin Wall and the revolutions in Eastern Europe, However, a Treasury official yesterday underlined the Government's defence review.

According to the document, the MoD spends £4.3 billion a year on the defence of the central front, nearly £2.2 billion on home defence, £1.1 billion on the nuclear deterrent and nearly £2.6 billion on maritime operations.

DIPLOMACY

The pinstriped image of Foreign Office civil servants looks likely to change to one of thick jumpers and cords, at least for the small numbers who work at weekends.

As part of a cost-saving scheme reflected in the estimates, the Foreign Office turns off the heating from Friday night to Monday morning. Weekend diplomats already feeling the cold face worse to come; the office aims to cut fuel costs by a further three per cent this year.

The search for economies has led to a 10 per cent cut in staffing since 1979, reducing the number of British diplomats serving overseas to 2,839. Each diplomat costs on average £67,000 a year. Some of the Foreign Office's

services will soon be self-

commercial advice for British companies abroad will make a £1.06 million loss this year,

next year.

settle in Britain found last year that the visa fee had gone up from from £50 to £60. British companies accustomed to token charges have also seen big increases. A detailed market analysis now costs £150 to £450, reflecting a

East Europeans applying to

EDUCATION

used more selectively.

More government money will be needed to support the education reforms over the next three years, including the continued introduction of the National Curriculum and the self-management of schools,

90 to £6,590 in 1990-91; £6,770 million in 1991-92 and £6,920 million in 1992-93. In 1990-91 about £110 mil-

education is expected to rise

from £5,748 million in 1989-

but should almost break even provide grants up to 60 per cent out of a total £84 million.

and income from the Poly-Foreign Office view that higher charges should lead to technics and Funding Council. advice being requested and

according to the White Paper. Total spending by central and local government on all

grants will be used to ease the introduction of the reforms. Central government will

grants for 1990-91 will total £83 million. The Government has set standard spending targets for local authorities which will also receive grants totalling about £200 million from the Department of Employment

Local education training

totalled £888 million, rising to £1,192 million in 1990-91; £1,506 million in 1991-92 and £1,545 million in 1992-93, The figures reflect the Government's intention to freeze the main rates after 1990-91.

as top-up loans come in.

Student grants in 1989-90

Spending on market support of British farming under the European Community's common agricultural policy is estimated to drop by £158 million in 1989-90, according to the White Paper. Total expenditure in the

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spent on education support support under EC policies amounted to £1,156 million in 1888-89, compared with £1,392 million in 1987-88, and is forecast to fall to £998 million in 1989-90, the White Paper savs.

> The fall in expenditure is largely attributed to higher world commodity prices, particularly for cereals, which have enabled the EC to dispose of surplus production at a lower level of export subsidy, and to cuts in the production incentives offered to EC farmers.

The overseas aid programme has begun to grow after a decade of decline which has left Britain well behind its main European Community partners and close to the bottom of the international league in percentage terms. The Government says that the £1,502 million it is spend-

ing this year represents a 12

per cent increase. This is due

to rise to £1,590 million in

1990/91, a rise which, it

AID

claims, amounts to a 9 per cent increase in real terms. It also claims that UK aid as a percentage of gross national financing. The provision of lion of the £141 million to be UK on agricultural market product rose by 14 per cent in

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1988, up from 0.28 per cent in Housing Corporation, whose 1987 to 0.32 per cent. However, aid agencies say from 1975 to 1979, Britain gave on average 0.49 per cent.

CRIME Initiatives in the fight against drug trafficking costing over £6 million are included in the Home Office's plans for spending on the police and

Some £1 million is being

allocated for a summit on

drug abuse in April which will bring to London government leaders from drug-producing countries and their markets. The Home Office has increased aid abroad from £i to

£3 million in 1990/1.

next financial year.

crime prevention.

international investigations by police. Central government spending on the police is expected to increase from £2 billion in 1989-90 to £2.3 billion in the

At home £1 million will be

available towards the cost of

HOUSING

The increasing role for housing associations in subsidized housing is shown by the proposed spending of the

resources are to rise from £818 million in 1989-90 to £1,221 million in 1990-91, and up to £1,736 million by 1992-93, an increase of 112 per cent.

The Government said

priority should be given to

remedying shortages of subsidized rented housing and ensuring that homeless families are properly housed. Central government's total expenditure on housing is planned to increase from an estimate of £1,537 million in

1989-90 to £2,279 million in

1990-91 and £2,680 million by

1992-93, largely reflecting in-

creased grants and subsidies to the housing associations. REGIONS

Extra money is being provided for improving drinking water in Scotland and Northern Treland.

Neither region was included in last November's privatization in which the English and Welsh water authorities were sold. In Scotland, water, as well as urban development and

In Northern Ireland, some

extra provision has been made for environmental expenditure, where water is the major item. Expenditure on environmental services is set to rise there from £199 million in 1990-91 to £220 million in. 1992-93.

LAW

Plans by the Lord Chan-cellor's Department to consult more widely over the appointment of judges were disclosed in the White Paper. It says that the department

intends to maintain and "if

possible increase" the field of consultation about judicial appointments, as well as efficiency and fairness of methods of procedure for selection. and the "process of the appointments system as a Outlining how the depart-

ment's "strategic objectives" relate to the judiciary, the paper says that the department wants to maintain good relations with the judg says the department will build other non-housing items of up and improve the training capital spending, has been and study facilities for judges allocated £460 million in

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Cost of roads

Judge orders girls to leave school run by religious sect

education within the state ters' welfare. system, as recommended in reports by an advocate and a psychologist who visited the Kingdom Christian School, Dean Bridge, in Edinburgh's

West End. At the Court of Session in Edinburgh, Lord Prosser said the school did not at present make provision for secondary education. One of the sisters would be going to secondary school next term and the two

He granted a court order to the children's father, Mr Rob-ert Allen of Willowbrae, Edinburgh, to prevent his former wife Elizabeth sending their daughters Louise, aged 10, and Jennifer, aged 9, to the

At an earlier hearing, it was claimed on Mr Allen's behalf that the school was run on only 11 or 12 pupils and they worked at pigeonholes facing

It was claimed there was little opportunity for tuition in The school was said to empha-

ordered that two young sisters every lesson. It was said that should leave a school run by a Mr Allen believed the school religious sect and return to was damaging to his daugh-

> Mrs Allen is said to be a member of a church known as the Christian Centre Ministries, which runs the Kingdom Christian School.

After the Allens divorced in June last year, she moved the girls to the school from Stenhouse Primary. A dispute has broken out

between left-wing members of authority and their own officials, over plans to withdraw written warnings issued to teachers who took part in unofficial strikes.

Miss Deidre Wood, chair-man of the Staff Sub Committee of the Inner London Education Authority, wants all written warnings issued to staff more than 12 months ago to be removed from their files before they are handed over to the 13 inner-London boroughs taking over responsibility for the 1,000 schools on April 1.

The proposal provoked one of the authority's most senior officials, the Education Officer Mr David Mallen, to take the rare step of publicly oppos-

says the use of official warnings has curbed wildcat strikes and brought peace to

"The warning procedures have been successful in con-taining disruption, because staff are aware that warnings remain on their records indefinitely and will be referred to again should they take unofficial action or breach their contracts again," he said. • The three largest teachers unions yesterday advised their

members not to apply for jobs in the north London borough of Brent, because of a continuing dispute over the dismissal of a teacher. They are protesting at what they claim is the council's refusal to honour a two-yearold industrial tribunal ruling

requiring it to reinstate a teacher, Mr Robin Pumphrey,

who was dismissed after a dis-

agreement with his head-

teacher over the curriculum, The union had sought a severance payment "in line" with the £72,000 given to Miss year after she quit as director of the council's Developmen Programme for Racial

Firemen move in centre-stage



Firemen fill a 5,000-gallon pool erected on the stage of the Globe Theatre in the West End, London, for Alan Ayckbourn's latest play, Man of the Moment. Special supports had to be constructed to hold the pool, which will weigh 38 tons when full.

Security breach at Commons **TV** studio

By Andrew Pierce and Richard Evans

An internal inquiry has been ordered into a security breach at the BBC's television studios at Westminster which could have threatened the televising

Thieves broke into the studios at Methodist Central Hall at the weekend and escaped with 10 video recorders worth £2,500. Tight security is in place at the studios to protect equipment installed for the televising of Parliament.

Electronic security doors installed to deter intruders failed to repel the thieves, who struck on Saturday, the police

BBC chiefs ordered an urent investigation to find out how the thieves broke into the technical area in the basement of building. It was alleged that a security key used by a team of electrical contractors working in the studios last week was missing.

A BBC employee, who declined to be named, said: This has caused a terrible row. MPs are going to want to know how it can be so easy to pull the plug on Parliament.

A report may be made to the parliamentary committee chaired by Sir Geoffrey Howe. Leader of the House, which is supervising the television

Rover plant agrees to ban local strikes

By Kevin Eason, Motoring Correspondent

ment amounting to a no strike" deal covering 8,000 workers at its Cowley plant

The agreement for unions and Rover to accept binding arbitration is seen as the first in the established British motor industry, which is beset with strikes and disruption.

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More than 13,000 workers at Ford were laid off without pay yesterday because of un-official strikes by 550 craftsmen at Halewood, Merseyside, which have disrupted three plants and cost £120 million in lost output.

Rover also faces the threat of a strike at its Longbridge 1,500 workers in the K-series engine plant have thrown out plans for 24-hour production.

The company said last night that the Cowley agreement covers only internal disputes deals for all 24,000 hourly- without pay.

the Transport and General Workers' Union convenor, said the agreement would apply only to a "limited sphere of local disputes". It will protect the business from local strikes, like the one threatened at Longbridge.

Nissan has a similar agreement, achieved through a single-union deal and on a greenfield site.

Cowley, which has not suffered a serious dispute for six years, is set to become a key production centre with Rover spending £130 million developing a new generation of executive saloons there.

At Ford, national union officials will today face leaders of the striking craftsmen who have defied the company wage deal. Three plants were closed yesterday and 10,000 men in Halewood and Southampton were told to stay at home. agreements, such as wage gium, had to be laid off

Psychiatrists want to be user-friendly

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Britain may be prone to psychological problems, and women are twice as likely to suffer from depressive illnesses as men, the Royal College of Psychiatrists said

The most vulnerable group of women are young mothers with several children, particularly if they do not get adequate support and understanding from their husband

The college has launched a leaflet, Help Is At Hand, which attempts to remove the stigma attached to mental illness, and encourages people suffering psychiatric help.

"We want to make psychiatry more user-friendly. People should not be afraid of us or offended or insulted if their

Up to a quarter of the adults in us," Professor Brice Pitt. chairman of the college's public education committee, said.

Dr Ruth Seifert, a consultant psychiatrist at Hackney Hospital, east London, said the symptoms of depression could range from loss of confidence, anxiety and sleep disturbance to feelings of guilt and hopelessness, which deterred many sufferers from going to their GP.

Professor Eugene Paykel, of Cambridge University psychi-atry department, said: "Depression is at least twice as common in women as in men. The reasons are uncertain. However, women were more prepared to recognize problems in themselves.

The Help Is At Hand leaflet can be obtained by sending a stamped, addressed envelope to the Royal College of Psychigeneral practitioner suggests atrists, 17 Belgrave Square, they ought to come and see London SWIX 8PG.

Open University boosting careers

By Sam Kiley, Higher Education Reporter

The Open University educates systems engineer with British more disabled students than Aerospace Dynamics in all other British universities combined and 70 per cent of its graduates feel their studies have boosted their careers, according to a survey published yesterday.

The survey, coinciding with the university's 21st anniversary, showed that 35 per cent of its graduates had left school at the minimum leaving age, four per cent had no qualifications on entry and 24 per cent had no A levels when they began their studies.

The university announced its 100,000th graduate yes-terday: Mrs Brenda Ann Tombs, of Hitchin, Hertfordence, at a special ceremony in

who received her mathematics and computing degree from Mr John MacGregor, Secretary of State for Education and Sci-

Mrs Tombs, aged 41, a

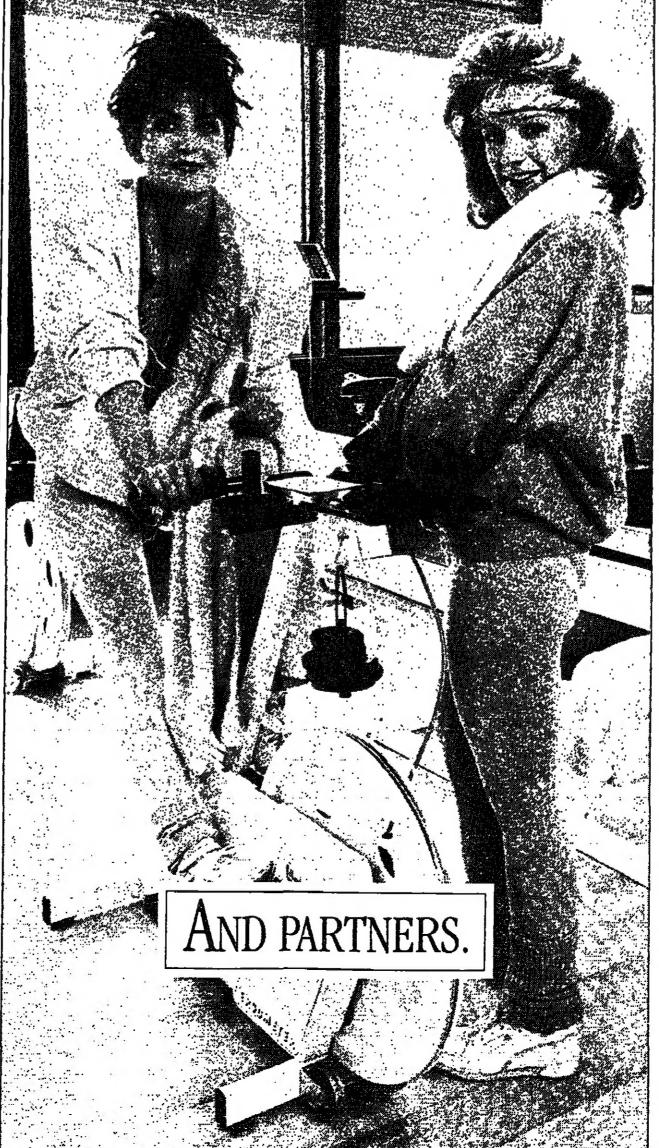
Aerospace Dynamics in Stevenage, said the five years of study for her degree was "the best move I ever made", and had resulted in three otions in six mouths.

Although most students with the Open University, based in Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, were trainee teachers 21 years ago, the proportion has dropped to 17 per cent.

The university has extended its operations to Belgium, Luxembourg and The collaborating with other continental institutions with a view to setting up an "Open University of Europe" by the turn of the century.

Links have also been established with the newly emerging democracies of eastern Europe. British management

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for big fall in value of residential market

The value of the residential

Prices, averaging £57,990, were only 3.8 per cent higher.

a continuing dissatisfaction with estate agents.

Thirty-nine per cent of buyers last month and 34.3 per cent of buyers during last year bought properties without the services of an agent. The value of the purchases was an estimated £31 billion, 27 per cent of the total market of £87 billion.

New properties were more

It showed there was close competition for a share in the property market, with GA 53 per cent of the market.

Property Services and Pruden- Applications to buy cour tial Property Services each housing in Scotland have holding 3.8 per cent, Halifax slumped by 40 per cent, Property Services 2.8 per cent, probably because of high in-Royal Life Estate Agents 2.7 per cent, Black Horse Property Services 2 per cent, Hambro's Scottish Office yesterday. 1.9 per cent and Abbey Natio-

property market fell by 25 per A helpline for solicitors facing "Over 7,400 public sector cent last year because of the redundancy because of the dwellings were sold to sitting property market shump has tenants during the three There was a 27.8 per cent received "alarming evidence" months to the end of June fall in residential purchases of a worsening crisis, the 1989, an increase of over 21 from just over two million in Young Solicitors' Group said per cent on the corresponding 1988 to 1.5 million last year. yesterday. In less than a period in 1988. Prices, averaging £57,990, month more than 30 inquiries "While there have come from solicitors drop in applications to pur-

The Adams Residential facing redundancy, all but one chase over the corresponding Property Index, derived from in conveyancing. "Solicitors period in 1988, it must be returns from solicitors regardare being laid off not only in remembered that the level of ing 9,481 purchases, and published by James R Adams and also in large commercial solic-Associates, the marketing and itors' practices", the group tionally high. The figure for research consultants, showed says. But the helpline, available on the Law Society main telephone number in London, has received more than 12 job offers for redundant solicitors.

wide Anglia on 1.4 per cent. Hambro's had the highest average price at £75,531, followed by Black Horse Property Services on £73,650.

Other big chains had an avelikely to be bought without an agent, with two thirds bought direct from the builder, the index showed.

Other of chains had an average price of £60,000 to £70,000, with Halifax Property Services at £57,275. In spite of inroads made by the chains, other agents, mostly independents, accounted for Applications to buy council

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at the Scottish Office, said:

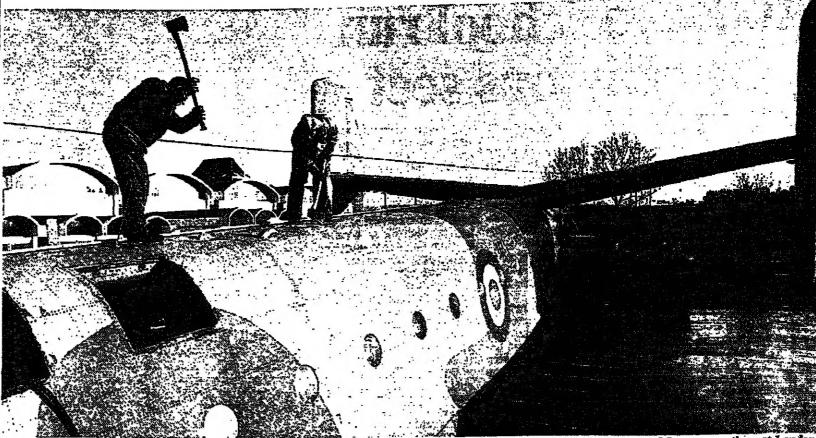
"While there has been a compared favourably with returns for 1987 when applications to buy exceeded previous annual figures."

More than 171,000, or 16.58 per cent, of public sector homes had been sold by last June. However, New Town and Scottish Homes houses were much more popular than

council properties.
Only 13.92 per cent of council homes have been sold, ranging from 31.67 per cent in Badenoch and Strathspey to 7.03 per cent in Motherwell. However, 29.8 per cent of Scottish Homes tenants and 39.19 per cent of New Town tenants have become owners.

The bulletin also showed there were 56,000 houses below the tolerable standard last year, a decrease of 3,000. This reflected the number of prop-Lord James Douglas-Ham- erties improved during the nal/Cornerstone and Nation- ilton, Under Secretary of State year, especially in Glasgow.

Sales slump blamed | RAF museum scraps landmark plane



Work starting yesterday on scrapping the RAF's front line transport aircraft which has been a landmark at RAF Hendon Museum, north-west London. The 1960s aircraft, which has fallen in to disrepair and become dangerous, will take three weeks to dismantle. Some parts are to be sold to collectors.

Motor mechanics face revolution in technology

By Kevin Eason Motoring Correspondent

Only the regular beep of the monitor can be heard as a laser beam scans the body of the patient and a white-coated figure checks the computer screens rolling out the latest condition before giving his diagnosis. Not a scene from the latest hospital television drama but a snapshot of the way motorists will have faults cured in their vehicles of the future. As cars become more

place in society equal to key hospital technicians, according to the Royal Automobile Club.

Mr John Wood, RAC chief engineer, said yesterday that the garage workshop will become a high technology centre, involving lasers and computers and run along the lines of a hospital operating theatre.

Instead of just changing the plugs

complex, with almost every facet controlled by tiny computers, the garage mechanic of 2000 will have a and the oil, the "new" mechanic will have to cope with problems posed by the same sort of equipment now being the same sort of equipment now being used on airline jets. This could include instrument displays that dis-pense with normal clock-like dashboards to project speed and fuel consumption on to a screen in the driver's eyeline. The increasing use of technology would change the role of the mechanic, demanding more highly qualified staff.

Mr Wood told motor industry

executives in Norwich: "I believe tha by the year 2000, a laser scanner will be designed to pass over a car check-ing for signs of damage and misalignment. Like a human body scan, it will be able to detect early signs of failure or stress and enable a technician to pinpoint a fault before it is too late. By then, a motor trade technician will be highly respected and terms like mechanic and grease monkey will become redundant in motor industry vocabulary."

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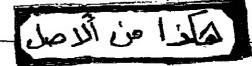
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MPs in clash over computer evidence

By Nick Nuttall, Technology Correspondent

Police are increasingly concerned that the Governmentbacked private member's Bill unworkable, one of its key evidence inadmissible. Sponsors says.

Miss Emma Nicholson, Conservative MP for Devon be impossible to prosecute unless computer evidence is made admissible in court.

Miss Nicholson, who agreed to drop her computer misuse Bill last summer in favour of a Law Commission study, said there were also concerns that warrants, needed to search suspects' premises and computers, will be unavailable to officers under the proposed

She said the problems had emerged because the new Bill, being introduced by Mr Mich-ael Colvin, Conservative MP for Romsey and Waterside, had followed too closely the Law Commission's re-

Miss Nicholson said it was her impression that the commission had been anxious not to alarm the public by giving the police additional powers.

She said it was crucial that the police were given the powers to enforce the law. She was planning amendments to the Bill in time for its second reading on February 9.

Her move has been greeted with surprise and dismay by Mr Colvin. "I have spoken to the police and British Telecom, who provide technical support, and manufacturers who may be called to

give evidence. They are all happy," he said.

He admitted that the existaimed at cracking down on ing Police and Criminal Evi-computer hackers will be dence Act makes computer However, Mr Colvin conceded that "if a way could be

found to beef up the Bill West and Torridge, said police during its passage" on the officers feared offenders may admissibility issue he would be prepared to listen. "I would resist bothy any moves over giving the police powers to access computer

systems. We must concentrate on the simplicity of the basic offence," Mr Coivin said. Under the proposals Miss. Nicholson is considering computer users will be forced to adopt minium standards

disaster recovery procedures. British Telecom and Barciays Bank, backers of the misuse Bill, say they will support further moves to in: prove the safety and security



widen police powers.

O'Connor wins damages

Mr Des O'Connor, the entertainer, accepted substantial undisclosed damages at the High Court yesterday in disposal of four libel actions arising from the publication of articles claiming he was facing an investigation for alleged tax evasion. Mr Malcolm Canning, for Mr O'Connor, told Mr Justice Popplewell that articles containing the false allegation appeared in The Sunday Times on January 15, 1989 when it repeated an internal from another preveness in Tolon processes the item from another newspaper, in *Today* newspaper on the following day, and in the magazines *Accountancy Age* and *New Accountant*. Mr Andrew Caldecott, for the defendants, said they welcomed the opportunity of publicly withdrawing the allegations made against Mr O'Connor.

Goodwin, a trainee journalist for *The Engineer* magazine who has refused to disclose a source, was continued by the High Court yesterday. An appeal is expected in March.

Priest accused

Anton Mowat, a Roman Catholic priest accused of offences against children in the United States, was yesterday remanded in custody by Bow Street magistrates, central London. He faces extradition to the US.

Guinness libel

Mr William Forrest, a former Distillers director, yesterday accepted undisclosed libel damages over an allegation in Nightmare: The Ernest Saunders Story in connection with the take-over bid by Guinness.

Minor trip

Jay Albus and his fiancee Lynda Burke from Leeds, yesterday set off on a threeyear trip round the world in a 1957 Morris Minor.

Ban extended Aids delay

An order banning publication Plans to test pregnant women of an article by Mr William in Yorkshire for Aids, to Goodwin, a trainee journalist monitor the extent of the for The Engineer magazine virus, have been put off until April for more discussions and training.

Tie tribute

The first annual award for contribution to society was made yesterday by The Guild of British Tiemakers. Blue silk Great Britons' Ties went to Dame Vera Lynn, Mr Simon Weston, Mr Norman Tebbit, Sir Richard Attenborough and Viscount Whitelaw,

Farmer fined

A farmer who organized an open-air music festival was fined £10,200 yesterday for not providing adequate sani-tary facilities and exceeding noise levels. Kevin Crabb, of Old Treworgey Farm, Lisk-eard, Cornwall, pleaded guilty.

Police praised

Ten West Yorkshire police : men have been commended : for their investigations into animal rights activists which resulted in two men being

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Allies aim to speed up talks on German unity

From Ian Murray, Bonn, and Anne McElvoy, East Berlin

With East Germany in imminent danger of collapse into chaos, the three Western allies are trying to improve their image in Bonn so that they can help speed up the process of German reunification. German unity has become a race

against time. It is now seen by all four powers, including the Soviet Union, as a way of bringing stability to Europe -- provided the involved and difficult necessary negotiations can be successfully launched in time.

Aware that West German leaders have been critical of them for foot-dragging on the road to unity, Britain, France and the United States are now urgently working towards ways of satisfying long-stand-

This would help establish a Poland wants seat better relationship and improve chances of a successful quick conclusion to intricate negotiations, which by treaty must be overseen by the allies.

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To help create a better atmosphere of trust, the three allies are working hard to agree two things which West Germany has long wanted and campaigned for - the right of Lufthansa to fly across the inner German border direct to Berlin; and the right of West Berliners to have a direct vote in elections to the Bundestag.

Both would involve diplomatically hazardous talks with the Soviet Union, as the fourth of the powers which still govern Berlin, and experts are now dusting down old treaties to check legal niceties which can be used to make these concessions possible.

What is driving all parties on is the general belief that East Germany is on the point of collapse into destablizing

This prediction, made by no less an expert than Herr Hans Modrow, the transitional East German prime minister, has forced the Soviet Union now reunification to solve the account of other obligations

country's deep economic and and which gives us time to support by President Gorb-

political problems. acknowledged as much in summoning Herr Modrow to Moscow yesterday. "In principle no one puts it in doubt," he told Tass. "Time

offer of British help and knowhow to establish democracy itself is pressing on this pro-cess, giving dynamism to it." reassure people that they were being given support in the But even with Soviet goodwill, senior observers here are far from optimistic that the materially helped to improve living standards. "I am not two Germanies can be united in time to stop the ongoing

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given that reunification is

If the Germans themselves

answer to the German ques-

tion, there will still have to be

a substantial international

negotiation. The allies will

"Unless we hurry, East Ger-

long unification will just not

be a relevant question," said

However, the declaration of

consent to the union.

one Western source.

haemorrhage of young people to the West from dangerously optimistic they are getting the feeling that things are going to get any better," one senior source here said this week. weakening the country. In accepting the concept of a united Germany, President Gorbachov said that the issue The consequence is the continuing exodus at the rate of nearly 2,000 a day, making

on Europe council

could be resolved responsibly

Brussels - Mr Tadensz Mazowiecki, the Polish Prime Minister, yesterday applied for full membership of the 23nation Council of Europe, at the same time warning the West that old-style communists in Eastern Europe were still a powerful force and could use the current chaos to delay reform (Michael Binyon writes). He told the council in Strasbourg that Poland wanted to be a full member because "we wish to share in promoting human rights and fundamental freedoms".

by the wartime allies "but not on the streets".

The Western allies have always been ready to join in talks leading to the peaceful unification of a democratic Germany.

However, as was made plain in the final statement of have to be closely involved the Social Democratic Party, the Strasbourg European sum-mit last month, this must happen "through a global and balanced approach."

In Mrs Thatcher's view this means that the process "must to accept the inevitability of come at a rate which takes

olitical problems. work things out - otherwise we achov for remification yes-President Gorbachov could destablise everything terday launched East Ger-Mr Douglas Hurd, the For- many's election campaign on eign Secretary, flew to East the note which was always Germany last week with an going to dominate it - if somewhat earlier than had been planned. The Kremlin's and phiralism and to try to volte face gave a fillip to reunification hopes, which continue to spread through East Germany, and also fell inconveniently for the be-

eaguered communist party on

the day that it publicly urged

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caution in the heated debate. The glaring gap between Moscow's new line of laissezfaire and the persistent anxi-ety of the Socialist Unity (communist) Party has never been clearer than it was the old joke about Germany

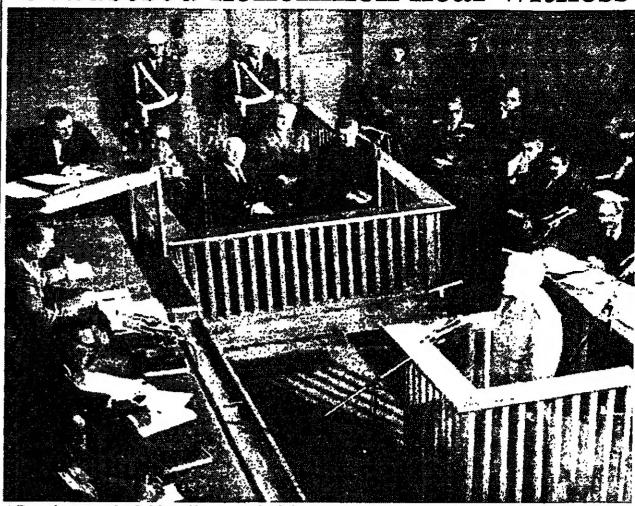
being reunited on the soil of West Germany less and less funny. Hence the need for a At the very hour when President Gorbachov was declaring self-determination a German right, Herr Jochen Willerding, the Communist Party's spokesman on inter-But even the most optimistic knowledgeable estimates suggest that it will all be a national affairs, was announclengthy process. For reunificaing to the East Berlin press tion to occur it will have to be that the party's election pro-through the "self-determ- gramme included "the ination" of the German maintenance of two German states and the social, political and cultural identity and in-Nobody has yet even defined how that can be done dependence of the GDR". whether through a plebiscite, a

The East German communist party is now the only mainstream party contending other democratic system. Nor the March elections to oppose is it clear whether West Gerreunification in the foresee able future. With the people of Dresden and Leipzig taking to the streets by the hundred written into the country's thousand to demand speedy unity, the party is evidently out of step with the wishes of decide that reunification is the most East Germans.

The only remaining difference on the issue between the country's centre-left parties, such as New Forum and and, ultimately, give their and their counterparts on the right - the Christian Democrats and Democratic Awakmany will collapse and before ening - is the intended length of the confederation period that might lead up reunification.

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Ceausescu henchmen hear witness



A Romanian army colonel giving evidence yesterday in Bucharest at the trial for genocide of four of the deposed Nicolae Ceauseson's close collaborators. The hearing was adjourned to allow prosecution and defence to call more witnesses.

Ailing ex-leader released from prison

From Anne McElvoy, East Berlin

take on the appearance of from a West Berlin jail,

Herr Erich Honecker, East appeal against the move. The show trials. Germany's ailing former leader, was released from jail yesterday after a renewed appeal by his doctor that he was unfit to stay there.

A local judge decided that ering from an operation for kidney cancer, should be released from the prison to which he was sent on Monday "on humane grounds".

He will now await trial for treason, corruption and abuse of office at his home. Herr Hans-Jürgen Joseph, the East said last night that he would

indecision over the treatment of the former leader demonstrates the confusion which now reigns within East Germany's justice apparatus.

Accustomed to taking its orders from the communist party, the judiciary is clearly at sea when faced with reaching an independent decision. The Ministry of Justice has

apparently complained to the Public Prosecutor that the charges against Herr Honecker are not specific enough and that the forthcoming trials of leading functionaries could

The ministry, having had three ministers in as many months, is incapable of giving clearer guidelines. Notably absent from the

which was revealed to have taken place from the port of Rostock. While it is widely believed that Herr Honecker oversaw the business personally, no evidence has yet been produced. The man who was in charge of the export company involved, Herr Alexan-

der Schalck-Golodkowski, has

disappeared after his release

fice said yesterday that Herr Honecker would stand trial in March, A date has not yet been set because of worries that it could hinder the charges is the arms-running smooth running of the elections that month. Herr Honecker was sent to a new house in the East Berlin suburb of Pankow, accompanied by a guard.

The Public Prosecutors' Of-

He and his wife, Margot, the former Education Minister, were last week evicted from compound of Wandlitz, now

US envoy says Nato prepared to accept Europe troop reductions

America's Nato allies understood the budget pressures on the Bush Administration and were quite ready to accept US defence cuts and the closing of bases in Europe, Mr William Taft, the US Ambassador to Nato, said yesterday.

But he gave a veiled warning that countries paying far less per head for defence than the US tould come under strong pressure to bear a larger share of the Nato budget, and not to break ranks by unilaterally cutting spending and forces before the conclusion of a Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) agreement later this year.

Mr Taft said allied governments had been urging Washington to deal with its deficit for some time.

American defence spending was still about 25 per cent of the federal budget, and the reductions would not signal any reduction in the US commitment to the alliance.

The US would continue to falfil its force goals, and while the cuts were significant, they were still only 20 per cent of the largest European defence programme.

In an interview with The Times, Mr Taft, who was Deputy Defence Secretary in the Reagan Admin-istration, emphasized the Bush Administration's commitment to maintaining troops in Europe as long as they were requested by the

American troop strength would be adjusted only in consultation with the allies, despite domestic budgetary and congressional pres-

sures. That is our commitment. suggested cutting forces because of governments, and were preceded defence budgets. But Mr Taft We think it is very important to the changing East-West situation. by close consultations. Mr Taft hoped that any opportunities for get the CFE," he said. He insisted that the Vienna

negotiations were the only reliable way to ensure that Warsaw Pact reductions were irreversible.

Despite promises of Soviet troop cuts in Eastern Europe, these had not yet occurred. It would be a "terrible mistake" if Nato governments thought that they did not need CFE and began unilateral reductions.

Mr Taft said: "The CFE offers monitoring, verification procedures, notification procedures - a whole structure which would make an immense contribution to stability on the continent."

He was careful not to criticize Belgium and other smaller Nato members which have already

But he noted pointedly that countries bearing the largest burden were less insistent on cuts, and suggested that some countries had already taken their "peace divi- changing situation."

Burden-sharing would continue to be a divisive issue in the alliance, he believed, even at a time of general reductions. Some countries, such as the US.

were now paying three times as much for defence per head as

"The reduction exercise, if it comes, should take into account the current contributions of the different allies, and make an effort to improve the balance."

The US defence reductions had been largely expected by allied

believed there was still strong public support, even in West Germany, for a strong US presence in Europe, despite the rapidly

Mr Taft did not see immediate pressure for further cuts, although he agreed there was a general public perception that arms control negotiations were out of step with political developments in Europe.

He did not think there was a danger that rapid Soviet troop withdrawals from Eastern Europe would increase pressure in West-ern Europe for further US cuts, below the 275,000 proposed in the CFE talks.

There were "downward pressures" on all Nato members'

reductions would be analyzed within the alliance and the pace and course could be agreed. The ambassador was sceptical

defence budgets. But Mr Taft

of the assertion, made by Mrs Thatcher among others, that the Warsaw Pact was, like Nato, an important pillar of stability in Europe and was vital to bloc-tobloc arms talks. It was indeed more "conve-

nient" for arms negotiators to have a single bloc to deal with. But the West would have to adapt to a different way of negotiating if the Warsaw Pact changed to a more democratic structure.

But any change was up to its members to decide; the West should not try to interfere. And Mr Taft said 40 years of

institutions in Europe - such as the European Community - and But Nato would still perform the vital and unique function of

drawing together Europe and

history suggested that much had to change before the Warsaw Pact

could be seen as an equivalent of

He said that, in the new

emphasis on a political role, Nato

would naturally overlap with

some of the existing bodies and

North America on matters of common interest. And to the sceptics of Nato's future role. Mr Taft declared: "We can't achieve our own security without the alliance, and I think

the European understanding of that is the same."

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Communist light dims in Honecker's town

From Our Own Correspondent, Wiebelskirchen, Saarland

local communists here turned out to welcome their most famous former citizen, Herr Erich Honecker, hopeful that this nostalgic visit to his home town would revive support for their crumbling cause.

Today, however, Herr Honecker is disgraced and the collapse of the communist party he led in East Germany has virtually destroyed the party here. In the elections on Sunday in Saarland, the local only 0.2 per cent of the vote.

That was twice as good as the average communist turnout in the Saar, but showed tions, had described that two out of every three brother two years ago party voters had abandoned it most famous local boy.

By Daniel Treisman

As politicians from Berlin to

Sofia ponder their region's fluid future, probably the most

active would-be architect of

new East European political relations is President Havel of

Just over two years ago the since the last state election five years ago. Then 233 people voted communist, just over 5 per cent of the votes cast.

On Sunday, the figure dropped to 74 and virtually all of those were elderly people, with memories of the party's heyday in the immediate postwar period. Frau Gertrud Hoppstädter,

aged 71, is sad and confused. Until a few months ago she was proud to be pointed out as Herr Honecker's sister. She Herr Oskar Lafontaine, the outright winner for the Social Democrats in Sunday's elections, had described her brother two years ago as the

profitable arms exports.

75,000 troops from Czecho-

the year, half of them by the

June 8 parliamentary elec-

Strasse, near its junction with Karl Marx Strasse, thinking about the past when her miner father taught his family about communism.

It is still easy to see where those political beliefs came from. The giant wheel above the mine shaft still looms over the town. Smoke from the factory chimneys of the Saar valley drift across it. The hills are often just huge black mounds of pit waste. The Saarland, struggling to restructure its heavy industry, is still one of West Germany's unemployment black spots. However, 70 years ago, the

Now she prefers to stay in fertile ground for the growth her home in Kuchenberg of communism. Now, along with its local hero and inspiration, the party has also lost its paymaster. With only tiny support nationwide, it does not qualify for federal cash and has survived largely with the help of an estimated DM 23 million (£7 million) a

> The cash flow has now Nationally and locally, the

year from East Germany.

party has split between the reformers and the old guard, who are few. Herr Werner Zins, the leader of the local party band in which the young Honecker played the drum, recently died of cancer and Saarland dirt was even more was buried near the black

Honecker's father in the churchyard. The others, like Frau Hoppstäder, are scarcely

The younger reformists, headed by Herr Artur Moses, aged 42, are struggling to drag the party out of the shadow of Herr Honecker and trying at the same time to find a cause which makes the party dif-ferent from the radical Social Democrats or the Greens.

A similar split has opened up nationally, with the esti-mated national party membership of 35,000 a year ago, fragmented with a rump of no more than 10,000 "reformers" trying to live down the shame-

in office was to say that a

But though self-determination for the East Germans

is something Czechoslovakia

could, on moral grounds, not

easily oppose, the German

question does prompt some

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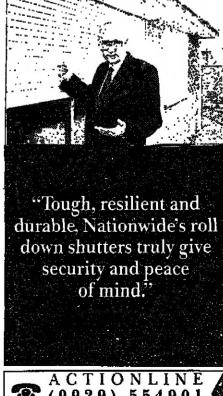
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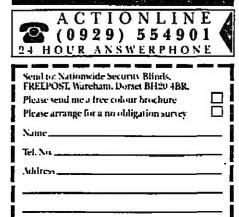
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Czechoslovakia, the play-wright and former dissident. tions, at which time he has In visits to Warsaw and said he will resign. Budapest last week, he re-Visits to Moscow and peated calls for the Soviet Washington are scheduled Union to withdraw its troops within the next few weeks at from East European states and which Mr Havel is expected to for the creation of closer ties unveil new disarmament inibetween Poland, Hungary and tiatives, and he also plans to Czechostovakia. travel to Scandinavia, The The latest trip came at the Netherlands and Israel. In the latest initiative, Mr end of a month-long flurry of diplomatic initiatives, which Havel yesterday announced began with visits to Berlin and that he had invited Mr Yassir Munich days after he was Arafat, the chairman of the elected President in December Palestine Liberation Organiand culminated in an invitazation, to visit Czechotion to the superpowers to slovakia and had offered to hold their next summit in mediate in the Arab-Israeli

Prague. His Government has conflict. Behind the whirlwind

promised to reopen relations of diplomacy, lies a desire to

with Israel and the Vatican, see Czechoslovakia "return to tried to carve out some sort of and to end the country's Europe" after four decades of role as a mediator."

Live is first pronouncements Soviet domination and play a more significant part on the Mr Havel has asked the world stage, Soviet Union to remove its slovak territory by the end of

Havel's diplomatic roadshow in top gear

Dr Alex Pravda, an expert on the region at St Antony's College, Oxford, said: "Many Czechs would quite like to see the country going back to the experience of the inter-war period, when Czechoslovakia

Mr Havel: Moral credentials

give him credibility abroad.

President Havel's aim apversial apology for the forced evacuation of Sudeten Gerpears to be the creation of cooperative arrangements which could provide the region-wide structure missing in Central Second World War is viewed

Mr Havel has suggested the

gary, Poland and Czecho-

slovakia, and last week he invited the leaders of Poland,

Hungary, Austria, Italy and

Yugoslavia, to a Central Euro-

pean summit meeting at Brati-

slava in April.

formation of some sort of reunified Germany, if demo-

confederation between Hun- cratic, would be no threat.

Europe since the Habsburg Empire collapsed. He has also urged the East European countries to resist being drawn into competition in the rush to return to the West and attract much-needed

foreign aid. Such a confederation would provide at least some counterbalance to the strong German economic presence expected

affairs until recently consisted largely of contacts with Western writers and dissidents from other Eastern European movements - contacts which are now proving oddly useful as other former dissidents are swept into positions of power.

Communists offer olive branch to Sofia opposition

From Ernest Beck, Sofia, Bulgaria

Faced with a deteriorating as "an egoist and a maniac warning to a renegade liberal economy, labour unrest and with no intellectual capabili- wing, known as the Alterwidespread public mistrust, Mr Petur Mladenov, the General Secretary of the ruling Bulgarian Communist Party, yesterday made a cautious appeal to the opposition to form a coalition transitional government before multi-

party elections due in May. Speaking to the opening session of an extraordinary party congress, Mr Mladenov said the Communists were ready to share power with "any party if it was serious about ending the country's profound economic and political crisis."

Mr Peter Beron, a leader of the United Democratic Front, an opposition umbrella group, said that the proposal was a trap to deceive the population and to neutralize the opposition. "They still control all the levers of government and the machinery of decision-making." he said. "They want to use us as window-dressing to help repair a crumbling economy, to cool down discontent and to blunt our effectiveness. We will not solve their problems for

The olive branch to the opposition, to be presented at the round table talks, is seen as a desperate move to accommodate the opposition's and scientific socialism". popularity, and to forestall proposals for a transitional government excluding the

In a further attempt to regain public confidence, Mr Mladenov's address to the Congress contained a scathing attack on Mr Todor Zhivkov, the discredited former leader. He described Mr Zhivkov

ties", whose totalitarian regime had corrupted the party

and the state. Mr Mladenov, who was Mr Zhivkov's Foreign Minister for 18 years, claimed to have opposed his rule long before

he engineered Mr Zhivkov's downfall in November. "Let us praise all those Communist Party members who took risks to oppose this

tyrant," he said. While Mr Mladenov castigated the former leader and called for a complete "de-Stalinization" of the party and



Mr Mladenov: Communists might agree to share power. an end to corruption and nepotism, he declared that the party would still be based on

The party's goal was to create a democratic and humane socialism, he said.

He mocked unnamed forces in the party who proposed renouncing socialism and introducing private property and capitalism, saying such a move would cause a "social cataclysm and anarchy". The hardline speech was a

essential Marxist thinking

Mr Mladenov and the party have been shaken by the opposition's growing strength which have been demonstrated by its ability to mobilize 300 wildcat strikes in the past two weeks. Hospital workers in Sofia yesterday staged a walkout to back demands for the Health Minister to resign.

native Socialists, who would

like the party to dissociate

itself from Marxist thinking

while retaining principles of

say they will form their own

party if their platform is

rejected at the congress.

The Alternative Socialists

The Communist Party has

agreed to give up its legally

guaranteed leading role and to

embrace a multi-party democ-racy based on free elections.

Until now, it has consistently

refused to abandon its tight

grip on all aspects of public life

However, Mr Mladenov who is party leader as well as

Bulgaria's President, said he

would abandon one post if re-

elected because the Com-

munists support a complete

separation of party and state.

promising a purge of the remnants of the Zhivkov era

and a thorough democratiza-

The party's proposed eco-

nomic policy remains vague. It calls for "socially-oriented market principles", different

forms of ownership and a large

role for the state in economic

life, all of which Mr Mladenov

claims is not ideological de-viation, but "logical Marxist

Western observers here say

tion of the party.

The Communists are also

until after elections.

social democracy.

Masked face of Soviet response to Azerbaijan's ethnic tension



Moscow's special KGB troops, given a sinister appearance by their face masks, and with automatic rifles, patrolling in the vicinity of the Azerbaijani capital, Baku, yesterday.

Kremlin ready to support unofficial talks

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

yesterday that if unofficial peace talks between the two warring republics in the itive results, Moscow would support them.

It was also revealed that the Communist Party leadership in Moscow has set up a special Central Committee department to examine relations with minority nationalities in the Soviet Union, a move which indicates the depth of Kremlin concern.

Mr Vyacheslav Mikhailov, who is deputy head of the new department, told journalists that he knew nothing about

Representatives of the Popular Front movements of Azerbaijan and Armenia are due to start talks in Riga, the Latvian capital, tomorrow, under the auspices of the Baltic Council. Mr Mikhailov said that he had spent the past three weeks in the Transcaucasus examining the situation and he questioned the ban on foreign journalists visiting Baku, the Azerbaijani capital, suggesting that the city might soon be opened.

Giving a day-by-day ac-count of how Soviet troops had come to launch their armed assault on Baku - the first such account to have been given by any high-level Communist Party official -Mr Mikhailov emphasized what he saw as the subversive nature of the Azerbaijan Popular Front organization.

He said that the front had been taken over by "extreme lest and even terrorist elements" which had forced people to join their move- Yerevan.

A senior Soviet official said ment. He explained the desertion of nearly 20,000 people from the Communist Party and the burning of party cards Transcaucasus brought a pos- as actions taken under duress. He claimed that when the

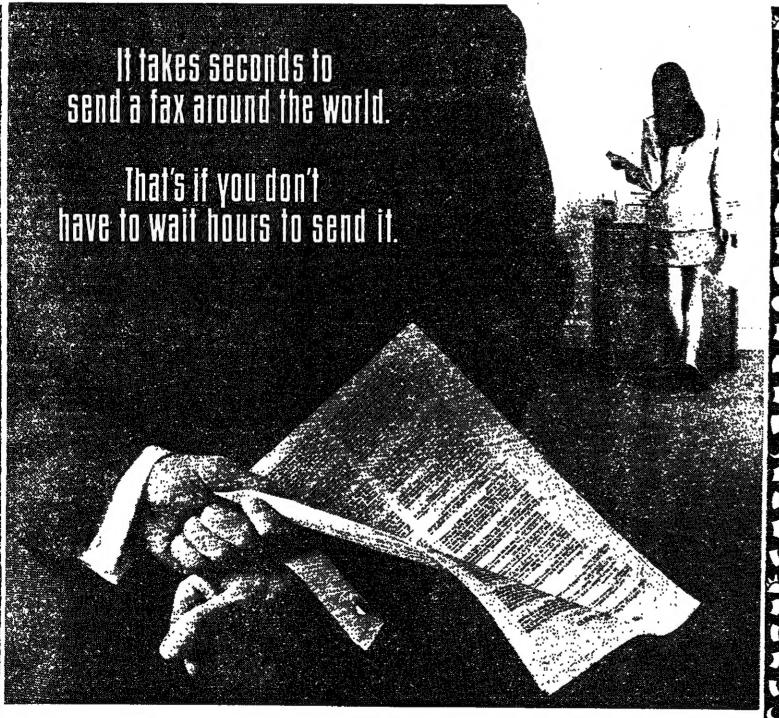
army entered Baku, the Popular Front had not only scized control of many local government and party offices; but had taken over the television station, summoned all Azerbaijanis to arms in an attempt to regain the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh by force and "smashed" Azer-

baijan's border with Iran. He also insisted that on the night of the assault, the first shots had been fired by the nationalists and the first casualties had been Soviet

Although his account was punctuated with expressions of concern to preserve life and end bloodshed, it seemed to support the view of the military action given by the Defence Minister, General Dmitri Yazov - who said that military action was mounted to crush the nationalist movement - rather than that of the Foreign Minister, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, who has in-sisted that its sole purpose was

to save lives. Given Mr Mikhailov's position, it is likely that his version of events will form the basis of the Communist Party happened in Azerbaijan.

In Baku, the situation was reported to be quiet, but another 100 people were said to have been detained overnight and trains with food and fuel supplies were still unable to reach the Armenian capital,



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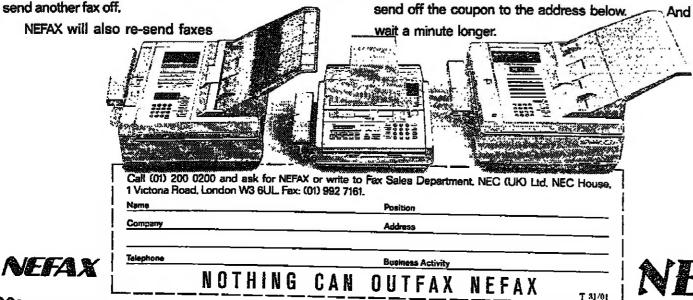
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Moldavian nationalism

Saint inspires a dream

From Sosau Simpson, Kishinev

banners, light candles and Sobor counters them skilfully.

Since the Romanian revolu-

tion last month, the talk beside Stefan's cloaked stone figure has been dominated by the question of reunification with Romania, "With God's help, if we struggle, it will happen by the end of the year," Mr Dmitri Rungan, aged 82, said quietly. As he finished speaking, the crowd

around him noisily agreed. The upheaval in Romania, Moldavia's western neighbour, added a new dimension to the nationalist fervour which swept this tiny republic of four million people last

Moldavia was carved out largely of Romanian territory. In 1940 Stalin annexed the region, known as Bessarabia. in an act sanctioned by the Nazi-Soviet pact signed on the eve of the Second World War. The Soviet authorities have

since fostered the idea that the

peoples of Romania and Mol-

davia are different. But the restless radicals at Stefan's statue in the heart of the Moldavian capital insist that Moldavians and Romanians share a history, a language and, they hope, a future.

"You can say we have been divided," said Mrs Maya Tsuratkin, aged 30, her face looking solemn in the flicker-ing light of the candles. "Our relatives live there (in Romania) and we live here. We belong together."

Mr Yevgeni Sobor dismisses such statements as emotionalism". Mr Sobor, aged 48, is the Communist

Every evening, dozens of radical party's ideology chief in the official language of the cals make the pilgrimage to Moldavia. The calls for republic. The more radical the statue here of Stefan the requisition have clearly put and the leadership of the republic the local party's new approach the leadership of the republic the local party's new approach the local party new approach the local par Moldavian ruler, to string up on the defensive, but Mr merely masks the old ways.

> discussed the values of dignity. and pride.

"We agreed that we should bow neither to Moscow or Bucharest."

Mr Sobor is one of the progressive new party leaders installed in the Moldavian Government last year after violent disturbances rocked

On November 7, the repubhic's traditional parade to commemorate the 1917 Revolution was disrupted by protesters. The police arrested about 20 people.

Three days later, thousands of people stormed the Interior Ministry building in the city, throwing stones and petrol bombs and demanding the release of the detainees. The police responded with tear-gas and water-cannon. On November 16, the Moldavian Communist Party Central Committee dismissed Mr Semyon Grossu, the party

Mr Pyotr Luchinsky. Mr Luchinsky moved fast in an attempt to soothe a troubled republic. He admithad been slow to embrace reform and had thereby fuelled tensions. He opened a dialogue with various groups, including the republic's mass movement, the Popular Front.

hief, and replaced him with

movements in the Baltic republics, has led the campaign for greater national awareness and autonomy. In September, it won recognition

The Front, like similar

"There are no real changes," argue fiercely about the issues "Recently I met with said Mr Andrei Tsurkany, of the day. "The said of the said." We aged 41, a senior Front member. "It doesn't look as though there will be until there is some other party to compete with the Communist Party." But Mr Luchinsky's off yr-sive apparently caught the

Front off guard. There have been reports of deep divisions within the movement. The eruption in Romania

has added a complex and highly charged issue to the political agenda.

Mr Tsurkany believes that reunification with Romania could take place one day, but only after Moldavia develops greater political sophistication

and wins its independence. "I'm pinning big hopes on a new party," he said."If it's properly organized, this party could do wonders in one

Mr Tsurkany's ideas horrify non-Moldavians in the republic, mostly Russians and Ukrainians. Many are bitter about the new language law which will make Moldavian a requirement for most jobs of within a few years. For some, anger has turned to fear.

It's not just that the Comted that the Moldavian party munist Party has abandoned us," said Mr Anatoli Lisetsly. aged 50, the leader of a non-Moldavian group, Unity. "It is the central Govern-

ment in Moscow, 100. "If they had not shown confusion, if they had been able to assess the dramatic situation of the Russianspeaking population, then they would have been able to take appropriate measures to of Moldavian (Romanian) as avoid a confrontation."

Kosovo guerrilla war fear

warfare is being waged'

From Dessa Trevisan

The situation in Yugoslavia's protest-hit Kosovo took a dramatic turn for the worse yesterday, increasing fears of inter-communal clashes, when mobs of thousands of Chris-

tian Serbs and Muslim Albanians angrily faced each other across a cordon of riot police in the village of Mogile, about 25 miles south of Pristina, the region's capital. In many other parts of

Kosovo, in defiance of government warnings, thousands of Albanians stopped work to stage fresh demonstrations eral villages demonstrators put up road blocks, often surrounding police, who had to be rescued by helicopter.

In some parts of the region,

witnesses said, "real guerrilla Mr Ante Markovic, Yugoslavia's Prime Minister, has

sent Mr Zivko Pregl, his deputy, and General Petar Gracanin, the Internal Minister, to the region as it is clear that the liberal reforms he introduced a month ago are in

The unrest, which has continued for a week - claiming at least 16 lives — shows no signs of abating. It has come at time when Yugoslavia seemed to have reached consensus on Mr Markovic's programme, leading to hopes that the country could solve its many problems.

Now, however, the unrest is calling into question whether Yugoslavia can function at all. especially with the republics even more divided than before,

Creatia, the northern republics, of inciting Albanian The federal Government

joined the country's highest authority, the collective State Presidency, in demanding that demonstrations in Kosovo should end immediately and warned that the continuation of separatist activities in the region threatened Yugoslavia's integrity, the freedoms and rights of its citizens, and liberal reforms

Slovenia has threatened to break off all relations with Serbia if pelice repression tinues in Kosovo and has already announced that it will withdraw its police units from the federal police force which has been stationed in the

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Bush budget under

attack on deficit

They are calling it a "Rip Van \$63.1 billion figure is reached the Stealth B2 bomber and Winkle" budget, a "Play It through unacceptable spend- \$2.8 billion for the MX mobile Again Sam" budget, and a ing cuts on programmes such missile. But they are in danger "take-two-aspirin-and-seeme-in-the-morning" budget. On Capitol Hill, no fanfare President's cherished capitalof trumpets has greeted Presi-

dent Bush's first full-scale effort at steering the world's largest economy. Rather, it has evoked muffled drumbeats portending nine months interest rates. of bitter wrangling.

Democrats, the media and some Republicans have levelled two main charges against the 1,269-page document the President issued on Monday.

budget deficit problem, they contended. Moreover, although domestic problems were crying out for money, the along with the Administra-defence budget seemed to tion's fiscal auguries because it defence budget seemed to ignore the fact that the Cold War had ended.

"At a time when we need bold leadership, what we have way that it will agree a here is another slide-by bud- Pentagon budget of \$295 bilget," said Mr Leon Panetta, lion, just 2 per cent less in real chairman of the House Budget terms than 1990, which pre-Committee, and therefore a serves unscathed all the bigkey figure in the forthcoming ticket programmes dreamt up struggle.

struggle.

"This budget aims low and shoots even lower," said Mr Richard Gephardt, Democrat leftovers and warmed-over

The budget claims that the deficit will be reduced from a projected \$128 billion (£76.2 billion) this year to \$63.1 billion (£37.6 billion) in 1991, just inside the \$64 billion limit required by deficit reduction

Working on the theory that if spending is restrained the economy can outgrow the deficit, it insists the budget will be balanced by 1993. as Medicare, bogus revenueraising measures such as the gains-tax cut, and, most important, on such unjustifiably

optimistic economic assumptions as 3.3 per cent growth in 1991 and a 2 per cent fall in "We've seen this before," said Mr Robert Reischauer,

director of the Congressional Budget Office. "It sends just the wrong signal to Congress that it's OK to use optimistic It was not a serious attempt economic assumptions and to solve America's chronic smoke and mirrors to achieve the Gramm-Rudman deficit targets." Congress may ultimately go

too fears the hard decisions, particularly in a mid-term election year. But there is no

James Sasser, his Senate Richard Gephardt, Democrat counterpart. It was as "cold as leader of the House, Senator Edward Kennedy said: "It's a Rip Van Winkle budget that has not yet awakened to the changes in the world or the major challenges at home." Senator Sasser was scathing

about the Administration's defence budget. "You'd think Joe Stalin had come back and entrenched himself in the Kremlin," he said.

Democrats will set their sights on the proposed \$4.6 billion allocation for the will be balanced by 1993. Strategic Defence Initiative deficit they increasingly Democrats counter that the (Star Wars), \$5.5 billion for as the easy way out.

of trapping themselves: they will be simultaneously be fighting base closures in their

home districts. The media is echoing many of the Democrats' criticisms. The New York Times declared the unmodified defence budget a "monumental missed opportunity".

Senator Sasser predicts "a long, divisive and potentially paralysing debate".

Early last year Congress and the White House reached a tentative budget agreement which later collapsed amid acrimony, but there is no prospect of even a preliminary ment this year.

Mr Richard Darman, the White House budget director, commented: "I think we will see partisan posturing, which is natural ... After that I hope we will get down to construc-tive work." He pledged to try working with Congress, saying: "I'm going to be charmin' Darman again."

Even Republican congressmen were muted in their support for the budget and some were openly critical. Mr Mark Hatfield, the senior Republican on the Senate Appropriations Committee, said the modest defence cut had "not gone far enough". Failure to agree a budget by October would trigger auto-matic across-the-board spend-

ing cuts. That crude and indiscriminate device was originally designed as the ultimate deterrent to economic paralysis. As Congress and the White House annually display their chronic inability to tackle the deficit they increasingly see it



Appeal for airport curbs



A Japanese farmer kneeling at the feet of Mr Takami Eto, the Transport Minister, in a plea yesterday to stop the expansion of Tokyo international airport at Narita, east of the capital.

De Klerk faces mass protest on keynote speech

From Gavin Bell, Johannesburg

forced to disperse anti-apartheid demonstrations planned for Cape Town this week, and away for their own safety.

The threat of violent confrontations before and in the city on Friday coincides with the growing strife surounding the rebel England cricket tour.

Despite efforts by both opponents and organizers of the tour to keep the protests peaceful, police firing tear gas clashed with stone-throwing township outside Bloemfontein, South Africa's judicial Justice or a magistrate, capital, shortly before play began there yesterday.

A police spokesman said 45 people were arrested after a large crowd had gathered il-legally. The National Sports Council, which is orchestrating opposition to the tour, claimed that more than 200 people had been arrested and 30 injured.

The chief magistrate of Bloemfontein later authorized a peaceful demonstration at the cricket ground and protesters began assembling dur-ing the lunch break.

Dr Ali Bacher, the manag-ing director of the South African Cricket Union, said: From the police and cricketing side, everything will be done to show the utmost restraint, and to ensure that cricket can be played without interruption."

The main thrust of antiplanned for Cape Town, where mass organizations have vowed to stage protest marches, in defiance of the emergency regulations, to coincide with the opening of reaffirm his intention to free Parliament. The United Dem-Mandels in the near future.

South African police have ocratic Front, a surrogate of warned that they may be the banned African National Congress, has obtained the city council's permission for two marches, but has refused have advised the public to stay to apply for judicial authorization as required by law.

Miss Cheryl Carolus, a front official, said peaceful assemduring the opening of Par-liament by President de Klerk and not a presidential privilege. "We are on the threshold." of a new era. The pace will not be set by Mr de Klerk, but by the people of South Africa, she added.

However, a senior police spokesman said the police would have no discretion to allow the marches to proceed. demonstrators in a black unless permission had been granted by the Minister of

The first march, from Methodist church to the contrai police headquarters, is planned for today to protest against the repression of previous demonstrations.

Another organization has applied for permission to march to the President's official residence tomorrow to demand a judicial commission of inquiry into allega-tions that police death squads" have murdered antiapartheid activists.

The final event, planned to begin as Mr de Klerk addresses the opening session of Parliament, is billed as the climax to a week of defiance A principal demand will be the immediate release of Nelson Mandela, the veteran ANC leader.

The organizers are als demanding the dissolution of the tricameral Parliament apartheid activity this week is from which blacks are

In his speech, Mr de Klerkis expected to announce plans. for lifting some provisions of the state of emergency, and to

Tokyo ruling party ready to ditch caretaker Kaifu after election



Mr Kaifu: Stop-gap leader after Recruit bribery fiasco.

The Liberal Democrats in Japan seem to have become so confident of continuing their 35-year rule after the general election next month that Mr Toshiki Kaifu, who has been regarded as no more than a stop-gap Prime Minister, may be discarded immediately afterwards.

Mr Shintaro Abe, one of the leaders of the party establishment, acceptance speech.

Mr Kaifu has looked more and more uncomfortable in recent weeks. His treatment by the Liberal Democratic Party's hierarchy has looked more and more with Japan-US relations so prickly and with so much still to be negotiated with Washington on trade and market access, Tokyo needs a heavyweight at the helm.

At the same time the Government, which lost control of the upper house in elections last summer in the wake of the Recruit bribery scandal, needs a skilled backroom powerbroker to get opposition parties to allow governond chamber. Mr Kaifu has no experience in this peculiarly Japanese political art form.

Insiders say that the timing of Mr Kaifu's departure is all that remains to be decided, although

they feel it is unlikely that he will be representing Japan at this summer's annual summit of world

Mr Kaifu had known his tenure would last only until the party elite had served its penance for the Recruit fiasco. But he had hoped that if he could deliver a majority for the Government in next month's lower-house polls, he would be rewarded with a few additional months in the post.

instead, the Liberal Democrat elders seem to have read encouraging opinion polls that give the party a strong lead over the opposition Socialists, as a sign that voters have forgiven them for Recruit. The best jobs in the round the party's fieldoms like an elaborate game of pass-the-parcel.

Mr Abe, aged 65, a former Foreign Minister, had been next in line to succeed Mr Noboru Takeshita as Prime Minister when the Recruit scandal forced a change of plan. Mr Takeshita, who quit over the affair, shoehorned Mr Sosuke Uno into the job. When Mr Uno tumbled after the press rumbled his taste for bar girls, the clean brought in.

Mr Takeshita, who has ruled Japan by remote control since his resignation last summer, has been making light of Mr Kaifu's longevity. He made sure that Mr Abe

visited President Gorbachov in Moscow earlier this month, upstaging Mr Kaifu, who was travelling through Eastern Europe. Mr Abe's travelling companions

included the party's rising stars. Mr Kaifu's were described by one observer as "a motley bunch of junior spear-bearers who tagged along for the ride". Mr Kaifu will not be pushed. He

will be expected to jump voluntarily, as one political analyst puts responsibility in the world and his own limitations".

The party's bosses are creating a situation in which, whether the party wins or loses at the polls, Mr Kaifu will be left with no choice

but to step down. Having glimpsed life at the top, the amiable Mr Kaifu may not be that reluctant to

Most cruelly, Mr Kaifu was not even allowed to pick the election date, a Prime Minister's prerogative. Mr Takeshita obliged here as

With the help of a Chinese calendar, Mr Takeshita picked Sunday, February 18, a "taion" day. These are believed to be the t kind of days to the Ci calendar and are commonly picked by Japanese for weddings, housemoving, building, and journeys.

This is certain to be the election day, though it will not be announced until Saturday.

WORLD ROUNDUP -

Pinochet plotters escape from jail

Santiago (Renter) - Fifty Chilean prisoners, several of whom were involved in an attempt on the life of President Pinochet three years ago, broke out of a jail in central Santiago before dawn yesterday through a 50-yard tunnel which came out inside a railway yard, the prison service said in a statement. A spokesman added that most of the escapees were "subversives", the term used by the Government to described left-wing guerrillas.

A man claiming to represent a political prisoners' organization said in telephone calls to radio stations that the escape was part of a campaign to demand freedom for all the so-called political detainees. The Government denies that Chile has any political prisoners, but human-rights lawyers estimate there are more than 450 people in jail on politically

Security chief resigns

Buenos Aires - The intelligence chief in Argentina has resigned, joining the Defence Minister, the Central Bank chairman, and the press secretary in leaving the government of President Menem (Michael Soltys writes). The resignation of Senor Juan Bautista Yofre on Monday night follows a government bugging scandal, but the two events are not directly related. Señor Yofre was seen as an obstacle to cooperation with the opposition and had lost faith in his own agency. His relationship with a blonde actress was also not perceived as befitting an intelligence chief.

Beirut tensions grow

West Beirut - Gunmen in east Beirut yesterday blasted portraits of General Michel Aoun, the rebel Christian leader, with rocket-propelled grenades, according to witnesses, increasing fears of violence between Christian factions (Juan Carlos Gumucio writes). The attacks emphasized the deeply divisive tensions between General Aoun and the Christian Phalangist "Lebanese Forces" militia of Mr Samir Geagea, over the legality of President Hrawi's Syrian-backed Government. After the attack the Army took control of two east Beirut Phalangist strongholds.

Oil-spill trial begins

New York - The selection of a jury was set to begin last night in Anchorage at the trial of Mr Joseph Hazelwood, captain of the Exxon Valdez supertanker, which spilled nearly 11 million gallons of oil off Alaska last March (James Bone writes). Mr Hazelwood faces up to seven years in jail and a fine of \$60,000 (£36,000) on charges of criminal mischief. operating a vessel while intoxicated, reckless endangerment and negligent discharge of oil. One of the key issues is whether the former skipper can benefit from an obscure law granting immunity to people who report oil spills.

Gas leak injures 20

Lisbon - Twenty people were injured when 31/2 tonnes of toxic chlorine gas escaped into the atmosphere at the Caima cellulose plant on Monday afternoon near the town of Constancia, in central Portugal (Martha de la Cal writes). Eighteen of the injured were company employees and two

Superpowers to discuss Afghanistan arms cuts

From Christoper Thomas, Kabul

The United States and the military support. Well-in-Soviet Union will discuss farreaching proposals next week for reducing arms supplies both to the Afghan Government and Mujahidin rebels.

Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, is understood to have made a secret one-day visit to Kabul several days ago to outline the tentative superpower moves. The Mujahidin, aware of

growing US disenchantment

fierce battle to capture the city of Khost, near the border with Pakistan, in a desperate attempt to prove themselves. Their aim is to set up a temporary capital there for the tottering Afghan interim government now based in the

Pakistani city of Peshawar, But all the signs are that Khost will not fall. The rebels' failure will in-

formed sources talk of an imminent superpower agreement that might lead to a severing of arms supplies to both sides.

Washington and Moscow have been sounding each other out for some months about a possible mutual cut in military support. Firm ideas will be proposed next week at talks between Mr

Shevardnadze and Mr James with them, have launched a Baker, the US Secretary of State. The US will be looking for a sign that the Soviet Union is willing to accept a political solution in which President Najibullah will ultimately step down. It has softened its demand for his immediate removal.

It is accepted that the Mujahidin have almost no chance of capturing any significant city. The Afghan crease the likelihood that the Government claims that two-US will soon cut back its thirds of the rebels no longer keep the peace.

fight as a result of deals struck with local commanders. Independent observers say there is no doubt that many peace arrangements have been made and are working.

In parts of the country, therefore, the war is effectively over. The Kabul Government has bought peace with money, food, clothing and other supplies, even including weapons. Mujahidin groups that have stopped fighting have not thrown in their allegiance with the Government, but simply discovered a profitable alter-

native to conflict. Around Herat in the west and Kandahar in the south, guerrillas have reached truces with government forces.

In Kandahar, Mujahidin fighters wander the city after first handing in their weapons. When they leave they get them back. In some areas, the rebels have formed local militias to

Khashoggi PR machine courts American opinion

Mr Adnan Khashoggi always

understood the importance of image, "The richest man in the world" never was quite that, but, to the public who followed the Saudi financier's marriage to his British-born wife, Soraya, and their divorce, it never seemed to matter.

Now the portly, well-groomed financier has fallen on hard times - criminal charges in New York resulting from his relationship with Ferdinand and Mrs Imelda Marcos, the former President and First Lady of the Philippines. But he has responded with typical panache.

In an attempt to woo public opinion before his trial, Mr Khashoggi has engaged Mr Howard Rubenstein, the dean of American public relations men who already protects the public images of the likes of Leona Helmsley, the jailed

From James Bone, New York

oper, Mr Donald Trump. Mr Rubenstein accompanies journalists up to the lavish 46th-floor apartment in

midtown Manhattan where Mr Khashoggi awaits trial. monitored by an electronic bracelet, and offers them eggs and fresh-squeezed orange juice while they chat to his client

The image-maker even orchestrated a recent subway (underground) ride for the indicted millionaire, something that was until now a rite of passage only for politicians craving sympathy. Mr Khashoggi has evidently

realized that America has entered an era of "show trials". In these legal encounters, the battle outside court is as important as what happens before the judge, and often seems to affect it.

hotel queen, and her arch- not only Mr Khashoggi and sobriquet "rhymes with rich".

enemy, the real-estate devel- Mrs Marcos who face trial in New York, Mr Michael Milken, the junk-bond king whose high-risk, high-return financing fed the takeover boom on Wall Street in the

> alleged insider trading. And in Miami, General Manuel Noriega, the ousted Panama dictator, will go on trial on drugs charges.

last decade, is to be tried for

In Washington Mayor Marion Barry faces the misdemeanour charge of smoking

New York has already witnessed the tax-evasion case against Helmsley, author of one of the last decade's most memorable dicta: "Only little

people pay taxes." Helmsley, a Brooklyn hatmaker's daughter, worked hard to counter her public image of being a tough fien seems to affect it. well, Newsweek just said in a In the coming months, it is front-page headline that the

Peking pop star sings a lone song of defiance

From Catherine Sampson Peking

There is a brave lone voice of dissent coming from a converted garage in the western suburbs of Peking. Hou Dejian – Dylanesque pop star and half-hearted hunger striker on Tianaumen Square — has demanded that Mr Li Peng, the Prime Min-ister, and President Yang Shangkm be driven from office for their role in the June 4 massacre.

In an interview with The Times, Mr Hou said yesterday: "If there were free elections, not 1 per cent of the population would vote for Li Peng." He is blatant in his contempt for what he calls "the Peking regime" and in apportioning blame for the massacre. "Li Peng doesn't have enough of a

brain to be a professional killer. Yang Shangkun doesn't have

enough power to pall all those

triggers." Mr Hou implies that only

Mr Deng Xisoping can be held ultimately responsible, but he stops

short of uttering the ultimate heresy.

Deng's mistakes, but everyone is innocent until proven guilty," he says of China's paramount leader. With each passing day, Mr Hou,

aged 34, is turning from reluctant rebel into China's only public dissident. When he took part in the final four-person hunger strike in Tiananmen Square last June, he announced that he could not go hungry for long because he had a recording session. In the early morning of June 4, he

helped to negotiate with the Army for the exodus of students from Tiananmen Square. Once he was out of the square, doctors covered him in a sheet as if he were a corpse and carried him out of the danger zone. Two days later, when he heard that a fellow hanger striker had been arrested, he took refuge in the

Australian Embassy. When he came

out weeks later, he said on Chinese

television that he had seen no one

killed in Tiananmen Square. Many

Chinese thought he had bought his

way out of prison with that interview.

"There should be an investigation of But Mr Hou maintains that he saw no one killed and that he has met noone since who witnessed anyone being killed in the square. He has visited Peking's hospitals and believes that the death toll in that first week of June was 1,000.

"We can't let them relax," he says of the Government. "We can't let them think that people have forgotten. There's no pressure group so my aim is to put as much pressure on the Government as possible by talking about how I feel."

As Mr Hou is the only person in China prepared to go on the record condemning China's leaders, is be the new Fang Lizhi? He laughs: "Tm just an amateur dissident ... I hope the others will be able to take over 22212 SOOT." He is not allowed to perform and has been "advised" not to leave

Peking. He believes his telephone is

tapped but says the police have given

up following him. Born in Taiwan, Mr Hou defected to China in 1983 and believes that the official favour heaped on defec-

tors is acting as his protection. "They haven't thought of a way to deal with me yet," he grins. "I don't know how I'd cope with prison, it would be awful to see no pretty girls for so long." In leather jacket and ankle boots,

Mr Hon is the first to admit that he does not have the gravitas expected of a dissident. "I have a real problem being a dissident, I just can't take anything seriously," he says. Be-youd endorsing a multi-party system and an end to dictatorship, he has little to say about a political framework for the future. After all, he says: "I'm a musician."

But the equipment in his makeshift studio is dwindling. He does not expect to work for the next year or two, and to make enough to get by he has been selling his most valued possessions. "I had some beautiful guitars," he says wistfully, his hand strumming thin air. He sold his car last month

Some of those wounded on June 4 come to him for financial help. Mr Hou says that these people cannot

is proof that you were on the streets during the crackdown, and therefore proof that you are a counterrevolutionary. Mr Hou expects further wirest.

"The longer it takes, the more dangerous. If it doesn't happen in the next four or five months, the pressure will build up." He will go to-Tiananmen Square on June 4 to pay his respects to the dead and he expects others will do the same. Never a member of any political party, Mr Hou is not interested in forming an organized opposition. Recently, he was invited to sing at

an official dinner for pro-government Chinese living overseas. With relish, he describes how he stood up and shocked his hosts into silence by saying: "I wrote 'Beautiful Chinese' when I was on hunger strike in Tiananmen Square because all those who demonstrated or went on hunger strike were patriotic, and therefore beautiful . . . Slaves are all ugly, but in May and June the people of Peking became beautiful."

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PARLIAMENT

Thatcher 'is out of touch' on ambulance row

Mrs Margaret Thatcher persistently repeated her belief that the ambulance workers nad been given a fair offer. During sharp questioning from the divide of their union and Opposition benches she "It is a great pity that the ambutancemen did not accept the advice of their union and settle then." workers had been given a was accused of being out of touch with the feelings of the people.

Mr Robert Machanam (Caith-ness and Sutherland, Lib Dem): Does she consider that the Government's dogged inflexi-bility is the proper response to the exceptional sense of duty shown by our ambulancemen to the injured and dying victims of the gales and tempests this

What greater catastrophe is required to bring home to her the justice of our ambu-lancemen's case?

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Mrs Thatcher said that the Mrs Thacher sad that the Government and management had moved on the ambulancemen's case for more pay. It was the ambulancemen who had not moved at all since the union. long ago, recommended accept-ing 6.5 per cent.

The Government had moved to an 18-month settlement, which offered an increase of cent, a very considerable in-crease, which would cost £6 million more this financial year.

Mr Nell Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition: What is her response to the statement by church leaders yesterday calling for the Government to set up an independent inquiry to resolve the ambulance dispute?

Mrs Thatcher referred him to her earlier reply and said that the Government had moved on the dispute. There was already a negotiating body to negotiate.

Mr Linnel said that Mrs Thatcher had already spent £10 million of public money on keeping the dispute going, which was more than it would cost to settle it.

"Where is the sense for the public, the ambulance personnel or even the Government, when the public so clearly supports the ambulancemen's case and that she is so completely out of touch with the feelings of the

Mrs Thateber said that the sense was to suck to established means of negotiation, whether by the review body or the Whitley Council If not, it would be difficult for these who had bonoured their own method of negotiation and had settled, as had 85 per cent of the NHS staff

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Mr Anthony Lloyd (Stretford, Lab) asked why she was so quick to praise the ambulance staff and so slow to pay them.

Mrs Thatcher agreed that she was quick to praise them, as she was all health service staff — 85 per cent of whom had accepted pay increases of between 6.3 and 6.5 per cent last summer. The ambulancemen were being of-fered increases of between 9 and 16.3 per cent over 18 months. That was an increased pay offer which they had rejected.

Ms Clare Short (Birmingham, Ladywood, Lab) said that the ambulance workers had overwhelming public support. "Does Mrs Thatcher consider herself a democrat—and if so, why doesn't she listen to the why doesn't she listen to the views of the people and agree to binding arbitration so that this dispute can be brought to an

ambulance people had their own negotiating body, through which negotiation could take place.

Dame Jill Knight (Birming-

ham, Edghaston, C) said that union leaders of the ambulancemen had not always been straightforward in this matter (Labour protests). The 9 per cent increase on offer was backdated to April 1980. These backdated to April 1989. That should be taken into account.

Mrs Thatcher agreed that for those who had stayed at their posts there were sums of be-tween £650 and £1,400 to be

Mr Pani Boateng (Brent South, Lab) asked why the Prime Minister continued to set her face like stone against a settlement while giving £40 million in tax handouts to private medical insurance. "If she were to fall under a bus

tomorrow (Labour cheers and laughter) - it would have to be a very brave bus — would she call Bupa or an ambulanceman?" Mrs Thatcher said that the offer made was fair and

 An Opposition Bill to set up a. pay mechanism for annual in-creases in ambulance staff pay was rejected later by 268 votes to 187 - Government majority, Mr Robin Cook, chief Oppo-attion spokesman on health,

seeking to introduce the Am-bulance Staff Pay Determ-

ination Bill under the 10-minute rule, said that if those taking part in today's rallies had been in Eastern Europe, Conservative MPs would regard them as

The public who attended these rallies were showing support for ambulance crews on whose skills in saving lives they could depend in a emergency—skills seen in action last week when crews who had not been paid since before Christmas turned out to attend casualties in gale force storms.

The Government had begun the dispute too afraid to go to arbitration and was now too stubborn to sit round the table and negotiate unless the staff surrendered first. Throughout the five months of this dispute the Secretary of State (Mr Kenneth Clarke) had never once sat down with the staff side in an effort to find a solution.

The price of cover by the police alone now exceeded £13 million. The bill for Army cover must now be well over £5 million. The health service was now paying the police and the Army £2 million a week to do the job that ambulance staff could do better. Why was the money not used to settle the discount of the policy o dispute rather than prolong it?

His Bill would extend to the ambulance staff the same pay mechanism that was enjoyed by the other emergency services.

Mrs Thatcher had said in 1978 that all three services descrived to have their pay negotiations put outside the arena of industrial dispute. She was right then and wrong now in refusing to admit that the same logic still stood. It would give ambulance staff a guarantee they would receive a fair award. "More important, it would

give public and patients a guarantee that these vital emer-gency services need never again be disrupted by dispute.

Sir George Young (Ealing, Acton, C), opposing the Bill, said that the review bodies were to settle pay and conditions of professional staff who had renounced industrial action. Unions representing ambulance staff had never suggested that they were prepared to forgo industrial action.

How could one justify sub-stantially higher pay rises for ambulance staff compared with other NHS staff? Against the background of the offer and other settlements in the NHS, there was nothing dishonour-able in the union's saving that it able in the union's saying that it would like to return to the



Mrs Edwina Carrie (left) at the opening yesterday of a new branch in Langham Place, central London, of Brook Street, the employment agency. With her is Mrs Kathleen Pampellonne, the mother of six children, who has recently resumed a career after 23 years.

Piecemeal cuts in defence 'would be fatal'

It would be fatal at the present time of great uncertainty to make piecemeal reductions in Britain's defences, Mrs Mar-garet Thatcher said during ques-tion time. Mr Cyril Townsend (Bexley-

MI Cyril Iownsens (Deany-heath, C) had said that, faced with the historic uncertainty in Europe, and the collapse of law and order in East Germany, idle speculation and talk of a "peace dividend" was premature (Con-

"Would it not be pradent for the United Kingdom to look to the Conventional Forces in Europe talks in Vienna for serious negotiations rather than slashing our defences uni-

hierally?"

Mrs Thatcher agreed. She said that the right way was to negotiate conventional force reductions in Vienna. In that way we had managed to get reductions in the Warsaw Pact forces — larger reductions than on Nato's side — and some profession. "Nato is already considering

precisely how the reduction should be shared out equitably."

Dr David Owen, leader of the SDP, asked what was going wrong with Anglo-American relations. The US President was cutting defence by 2 per cent, further reductions were emerging more quickly and deeper in the CFE negotiations, and Presi**PRIME MINISTER**

deut Bush was advocating a Nuto defence review. Mrs Thatcher had refused to do any of these things and the two governments could not even split their difference between six and twelve months on compulsory repatriation for the Viet-

namese boatpeople.

Mrs Thatcher said that US defence spending was a much bigger proportion of their nat-ional income than any other important Nato country. The US spent 6 per cent and the UK 4

"So I do not think that he con-criticize the US if it makes some changes

Any changes in CFE which affected mainland Europe were made through Vienna and went through Nato first so that members were consulted and agreed with what should go ward to CFE.

The difference of opinion or repatriation was possibly caused by US history in Vietnam where it lost 55,000 people in a fight that held back Communism long enough for it not to extend throughout the area.
"We shall go forward of

course with compulsory re-

Henry Stanhope, page 14

Statement: Agriculture

Cash help for sheep farmers

Sheep farmers in hill and upland areas are to get extra help from the Government, Mr John Gummer, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, announced in a

He said that the Government's commitment to these areas was demonstrated by an increase in the rate of hill livestock compensatory allowance (HLCA) of 75p an animal. It would cost £5.2 million in a full

The increase came after a review of the less favoured areas, which showed that the average net farm income of livestock producers in the hill and upland areas were forecast to fall in 1989-90, after an increase in the previous year.

In particular, there had been a reduction in the incomes of specialist sheep producers in high hill areas where opportunities to diversify were limited.

"The Government is proposing to increase the rate of hill livestock compensatory allowance payable under the 1990 scheme on liardy breed own maintained in the severely disadvantaged parts of our less feveraged causes."

"The rate per hardy ewe will be increased by 75p, from £6.75 to £7.50 per animal. All other HLCA rates and conditions remain unchanged in 1990." Effect would be given

to the rate increase as soon as possible. The £5.2 million annual increase would take total HLCA payments to about £125

There was new provision in the European Community regulations that allowed member states to include measures in the HLCA scheme to take account of environmental requirements. The HICAs already provided a significant contribution in terms of environmental benefits, but the Government would look carefully at whether that should be made more specific.

Mr David Clark, chief Opposition spokesman on agriculture, said that the increase in HLCA for sheep was welcome. The level had been frozen for four years.

There was a serious omission in the statement in that there was no mention of HLCA for cattle. Mr Gummer had missed a great opportunity for improving the environment of the upland areas by refusing to uprate the level of support for

That was doubly so when beef rearers were facing falling prices for their cattle due to the effects of the bovine spongiform encephalopathy and the Government's mishandling of that crisis.

Mr Gunaner said that there were an infinite number of subjects which he could

have referred to, but they would not have related to the statement. Last year the increase in real terms in the

incomes of the farmers in question was 19 per cent. Therefore it was not appropriate to make the increase in the payments. This year it was estimated that there would be a fall in real terms and he wanted to do something helpful about it. He rejected the suggestion that the Government had not taken action on BSE.

"We have put the health of the public first, foremost and entirely, and at the same time we have sought to help the farming community out of a difficult position."

Mr James Wallace (Orkney and Shet-land, Lib Dem) said that it was a kick in the teeth for the industry. The level of the green pound was disadvantaging the farmers seeking export opportunities.

Mr Gummer said that he fought ex-tremely hard for a change in the green pound rates. He was extremely concerned that Britain was being discriminated against. But he was determined to win through because it was important to the future of British farming.

Mr George Foelkes (Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley, Lab) said that the increase failed to keep up with inflation and did not meet the demands of farmers.

Commons written reply. A

Closure 'is false economy'

Criticism of the withfrom the Agricultural and Food Research Council was expressed at questions.

It might be shortsighted. Mr Jonathan Altkan (Thanet South, C) suggested, to withdraw funding "for the specialist meat laboratories in Bristol just at a time when there are anxicow disease". He said that

Vacancy rate for teachers

The vacancy rate for teachers in secondary schools shown in the annual survey last year was 1.2 per cent, broadly the same as in 1979, Mr Alan Howarth, Under Secretary for Edu-

Bull fights

There is no legal basis in the Treaty of Rome to justify European Community intervention on bull-fighting, Mr David Maclean, Par-hamentary Secretary for Agriculture, said in a written Commons reply. Mr Teddy Taylor (Southend East, C) had asked that the EC should produce measures to ban bull-fighting.

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Ques-

tions: Scotland, Dehates on Liberal Democrat motions on the EC and developments in Eastern Europe and on small businesses and the selfemployed. Lords (2.30): Debate on education and training.

Bill 'a union cold war leftover'

speeches in the Commons debate of State for Employment, said on the second reading of the Employment Bill appeared in part in later editions yesterday. Mr Tony Blair, chief Oppoition spokesman on employ-ment, said that the Bill was a leftover from the old agenda of the industrial cold war.

Eleven years on, MPs were still being told that it was the made unions that were to blame for Britain's ills. But it was the fecklessness of Cabinet ministers that was to blame. Much in the Bill was wrong,

damaging and unfair. All forms of sympathy and secondary action would be banned, a proposition manifestly unfair and unreasonable. Most obnoxious were the provisions that would allow selective dismissal of people on strike. Under the Bill, an em-

ployer could provoke a walkout

and could dismiss a trade union official for reasons ourraneous to the imofficial dispute just because he did not like trade intionists. This was a shabby, bigoted measure. It looked back, not forward, because the challenges of the future could not be iddressed through the prejudices of the past.

tion, but start now to dismantle the closed shop. Closed shop arrangements in the public services should be brought to an immediate end Mr Ronald Leighton (New-

ham North East, Lab), chairman of the Select Committee on Employment, said that in prerimployment, sant that in pre-vious legislation the Govern-ment had taken away the authority of unions to enforce strike action after a ballot, yet now it wanted them to act as

The Bill would encourage the targeting of individuals and their victimization. Lech Walensa would have been caught immediately. Some would be singled out vindictively and painfully to have their livelihoods taken away. Martyrs would be created. Mr Alexander Carlile, Liberal

Democrat spokesman on employment, said that the Bill contained unnecessary measures — kicking trade unions It removed any possibility of reasonableness being a test of the actions of trade unionists. It

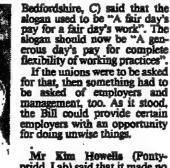
when they were already down. It was fatally flawed and would prove a gold mine for lawyers.



Mr Blair: Much in the Bill is wrong and unfair.

set out rules that were intended to kick the unions, rather than setting out standards that were intended to support working

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab) described the Bill as "industrial slavery". It would force workers to do things that they would not normally do out of fear of losing their jobs.



pridd, Lab) said that it made no sense to use scatter-gun legisla-tion to control irresponsible people because it would destroy precisely those elements in the trade union movement who were trying to bring in a sense of

Mr Teny Lleyd, an Opposition spokesman on employment, said that the legal framework had made official action more and more difficult and the surprise was that un-official action did not break out

Mr Tim Eggar, Minister of State for Employment, said that the Bill put the last nail in the coffin of the tyrannical closed

The Bill was read a second time by 255 votes to 198 -Mr David Madel (South West Government majority, 57.

Peers express fears for the future of legal profession

The following report of the fourth day of debate on the committee stage in the Lords of the Courts and Legal Services Bill appeared In later editions yesterday.

The British legal system, with separate professions of barrister and solicitor, had long led the world and should be retained. Lord Rawlinson of Ewell (C) said during the debate.

He moved an amendment that would delete from the Bill the right of solicitors to act as did so, he said, because the proposal in the Bill would make the legal system less effective, more costly and more ungainly. It would not be a reform but the abandonment of a tra-ditional system that had proved

itself over many years. Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, said that he thought the proposal to allow solicitors the right of audience was right in the circumstances. It was the first step in an evolutionary change that would help to overcome difficulties which had arisen over the years. Lord Simun of Glaisdale (Ind) said that the proposal, populist and attractive at first, would see the end of the Bar, except for a

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few specialist pockets, within a few years. "We would be handing over the Bar, bound hand and foot, to the solicitors' profession."

Lord Mishcon, for the Oppo-

sition, said that more important than the rights of the Bar and of solicitors were the rights of the public. The reforms being in-stituted would benefit the public by making the legal service more economical. Lord Hailsham of St Maryle-

bone, the former Lord Chan-cellor, said that the public image of lawyers, to use a mixed metaphor, was of fat cats seek-ing to feather their own nests. But what was being sought was justice between man and man. The test of what made a system on that test the existing system was good.

Lord Boyd-Carpenter (C) said that he supported the Govern-ment's courageous proposals because they would be in the interests of the public by making litigation cheaner.

street solicitors would find it difficult to compete.

Lord Gifford (Lab) said that he applauded the basic thrust of the Government's desire to open advocacy to solicitors. That had operated in Australia since 1891 and the Bar there was The amendment was not

pressed to a division and there-

Lord Mackay of Clashfern said that he would consider an amendment proposed by Lord Ackner (Ind) that would enable the judges who were to decide which bodies had the right to grant their members right of udience or the right to conduct litigation to become involved at an earlier stage. He said that he would consider whether the machinery could be improved so that the judges could participate informally, as well as

ultimately formally.

Lord Ackner said that under the Bill the role of the judges was not properly provided for. They were not brought into the process until after the Advisory Committee, the Lord Chantigation cheaper. cellor and the Director General
The Earl of Onslow (C) said of Fair Trading.

'Niggardly and crazy' plan

payments start now Arrangements for paying

HIV cash

sufferers contaminated with the HIV virus have been completed and payments are to begin immediately, Mrs Virginia Bottomley, Minister for Health, said in a new discretionary trust called the Macfarlane (Special Payments) Trust had been set up to administer the

drawal of government funds

it was a false economy to cut back on £1.6 million of spending on an industry that earns over £8 billion.

cation and Science, said in a Commons written reply.

Sir Nerman Fowler (Sutton

casting said yesterday (our Political Staff writes). Mr Corbett argued that Mr Rupert Murdoch, as the owner of Sky Television, and other owners of satellite channels, should be bound by the same rules as the owners of terrestrial

the Broadcasting Bill he pro-posed an amendment to limit Mr Murdoch's stake in Sky to 20 per cent - after an 18 months' period of grace. The amendment was defeated by 15 votes to 9.

UK, but the "vulgar auction"
over the rights of access to the baby was an example of abuse. The News of the World was reported to have paid £75,000 for the rights, leaving other accepances which had helped to Mr Murdoch was using his paper flagrantly to to push Sky Television.

that there was a problem because it had taken reserve powers to restrict satellites not felt there was the need.

There was a difference be-tween Direct Broadcasting Sat-ellite S channels allocated by the

legal system would remove some of the rigidities affecting the provision of legal services there, Lord Fraser of Carmyllie, the Lord Advocate, said in the Lord.

He was moving the second reading of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill, which would llow solicitors rights of andience in the Supreme Court, and others than solicitors to do

conveyancing work.

He said that the Bill was intended to widen choice available to those using legal services and to allow those who provided those services to respond to clients' demands "with innova-The Scottish Conveyancing and Confirmation Practitioners

Board would be responsible for ensuring satisfactory standards by all non-lawyers. Clients requiring Supreme Court representation should be able to choose whether to in-struct a solicitor with rights of andience or to engage an ad-vocate. Only solicitors reaching the standards which would be set would have these additional

"I see no threat to the

independent Scottish Bar. Ad-

rocates confident of their stan-

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apprehensive at the prospect of solicitors appearing alongside them before the Supreme Court."

The Bill would also tighten the law governing fiquor licensing, requiring applicants to give a positive reason to extensions of permitted hours requested. Another provision dealt with

be brought to account. Other changes involved the period of separation required to establish the irretrievable breakdown of marriage in di-

Finally, in Scotland there was

tish legal affairs, said that it was

an insult to Scotland and to its legal system to legislate on such

diverse and important subjects

in a single Bill. The main legal

Session, in a maiden speech, said that the House might well

be slow to permit any change in

the Scottish court system which

would weaken the course in the

proper performance of their justical performance. the exacting standards required by the Court of Session and the

Nobody could really expect to acquire and develop the skills of superior court advocacy by pracwas, of necessity, part time. Clients made an informe choice, on the advice of their solicitors, of the best advocate.

to save on milk is attacked A government proposal to save £8 million on the annual £80 million welfare milk scheme was described as niggardly, ill conceived, damaging and crazy by Conservative MPs during a Commons debate late on

Monday.

Mr Fivnn said that the proposal, to claim a 3p rebate on each pint of welfare milk, was a malicious measure, which had been universally condemned. It had few friends inside the House and even fewer outside.

women. Even the National Farmers' Union had said that it would do unjustifiable damage to the dairy industry. The rebate would not make it

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Mr Donald Thompson (Cal-der Valley, C), until last year a junior agriculutre minister, said

tants. There was a danger of recalling the old "Mrs Thatcher milk snatcher" days. The Gov-

Mrs Elizabeth Peacock (Batley and Spen, C) said that she could not support the regula-tions, which were damaging and against the interests of all

there had been no consultations. The health department was just acting on advice from the Prime

(High Peak, C) condemned it as an imbecile, crazy scheme. Mr Roger Freeman, Under Secretary of State for Health, said that the proposal would not damage the welfare milk scheme or its 800,000 beneficiaries. Nor would the proposal place any unreasonable burden on milk-

fare scheme.

The Government was a bulk purchaser of milk and the argument was that without the welfare scheme some extra sales would be lost There would be a 10 per cent

men and women. There was no

hidden agenda to end the wel-

saving on the £80 million annual cost of the welfare scheme through claiming a 3p discount on each 30p pint of milk delivered. That figure would allow for regional variations in price. The burden of the discount

would be divided between producers, processors and distributors. It would not fall on the The scheme would come regularly before the House and

ne gave an assurance that, unless there was evidence of an eq-uitable distribution of the financial burden, the regulations would be reviewed.

Labour attack on 'baby story abuse'

photograph the baby by the News of the World, The Sun and Sky Television after she was found was a glaring example of the abuse of cross-media ownership, Mr Robin Corbett, Oppo-sition spokesman on broad-

and estelling channels licensed in this country. During the committee stage of bourg, were in the same

He said that his argument applied equally to other owners of satellites not licensed in the

The purchase of exclusive rights find the baby without access to to interview the parents of her. The News of the World was Alexandra Griffiths and to able to say on Sunday that her. The News of the World was able to say on Sunday that exclusive photographs of the baby could be seen on Sky and the following day in The Sun.

> icensed in this country - if it Mr David Mellor, Minister of State Home Office, said that Mr Murdoch was not being singled out. Mr Robert Maxwell, W.H. Smith and other users of the Astra satellite, based in Luxem-

The Government recognized

Government and non-DBS channels. BSB had been awarded all five DBS channels and ed all five DBS channels and was in a monopoly position. It would be wrong to "pull the plug" on Sky when the effect might be to inhibit development of a potentially most worthwhile development, requiring large-scale investment and with no

Reform for Scots courts

the need to ensure that every charity was accountable publicly and openly in the conduct of its affairs and that suyone guilty of serious mismanagement would

vorce cases. Present periods were unnecessarily long. no provision to allow evidence to be given through television links from abroad. He was arranging for views on the matter to be obtained because this facility would be useful. Lord Macaulay of Bragar, Opposition spokesman on Scot-

controversial reaction in Scotland. What was wrong with the present system in which solic-itors now practised in an open and competitive conveyancing market and managed to give people sound advice?

The proposed rights of audience for solicitors would not improve the quality and eff-

ciency of the courts. The Government should think again on this matter because these rights were neither rele-vant for needed in Scotland. Lord Emslie (Ind), Lord Justice-General of Scotland and Lord President of the Court of

All advocates measured up to High Court. Those who did not or could not did not usually

Mr Paul Flynn, an Opposition spokesman on social security, initiated the debate, proposing that the Welfare Food Amendment Regulations 1990 should be annulled. The motion was rejected by 149 votes to 117 - Government majority, 32.

There had been no consultations and the scheme was op-posed by milk producers, processors and milkmen and

worth delivering the milk, needy families would suffer, rounds-men would lose income and producers would lose sales. The only beneficiary would be the

Government and all it would get would be an insignificant £8

that it was a niggardly piece of legislation. The Government had been misled by half-baked consul-

proposal again. Mr Robin Maxwell-Hyslop (Tiverton, C) said that it was one of the most ill conceived schemes he had seen. The money saved was trivial.

concerned. Mr Robert Wareing (Liver-pool, West Derby, Lab) said that

Mr Christopher Hawkins

Our man at the ends of the earth

From the far country: the British embassy in Ulan Batur and (inset) our former ambassador, Allan Butler

As communist regimes topple across the world, Mongolia could be a key to Britain's Asian policy. William Greaves talks to our former ambassador

the Foreign Office how he fancied becoming Our Man in Mongolia, it took Allan Butler a couple of weeks to pinck up the courage to tell his wife. By its earlier name of Outer Mongolia, the independent people's republic sandwiched between

definitive geographical synonym for the back of beyond. In the event, however, he need not have worried. Pauline Butler was no ordinary diplomat's wife. She had already accompanied her husband to the "Empty Quarter" of Aden and to Dakar, in Senegal, where, as charge d'affaires and consul, his territory included that other famous "end of the earth", the township of Timbuktu, in Mali. Butler recalls: "My wife instantly took the view that, after

Timbuktu, where else was there to

go but Mongolia?"

the Soviet Union and China, had,

after all, long since become the

She could, of course, have been forgiven for asking why Britain insisted on being the only western country to maintain an embassy in Ulan Bator, the coldest capital city on Earth, and in a country the size of western Europe but with a population of only two million. But, whether by luck or good judgement - almost certainly the latter - the answer to her question is today eloquently clear.

As the nations of eastern Europe have one by one been overturning their Stalinist dictators, the communist countries in Asia such as North Korea, North Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia have basked the belief that their very different histories make them unlikely to face a popular demand for democracy. But now Moncolia which, since the days of Genghis Khan, has never known anything approaching a democratic, capitalist or pluralist regime, is showing signs of being blown towards the west. And if Mongolia moves, who can say what the domino effect might might be throughout the rest of

That something is happening is beyond doubt. "Mongolia has

suddenly become world news." says Butler, who was British ambassador in Ulan Bator from September, 1984, to February, 1987, and who probably has more first-hand knowledge of Mongolia than anyone else in Britain. "There have been more Mongolian news items in the papers this past month or two than in the

whole of the previous 25 years. "And because of our presence there, the Mongolians like us even if we did stand for something which officially they didn't agree with. Now that 'something' has suddenly become flavour of the

Britain sent its first ambassador to Ulan Bator in 1963, soon after the fiercely independent People's Republic of Mongolia joined the United Nations. Since then, our four-family embassy staff has formed what amounts almost to the country's entire western community, It has been there because Whitehall had the prescience to recognize Mongolia's unique position as an observation post between the Soviet Union and China.

The embassy is unique in other ways, too. For example, it has no British residents to look after. During Butler's term of office, be remembers offering what succour he could to a party of Austrians, a group of Danes and an American woman who had been robbed of her passport.

During late January, it is immaterial whether the temperature outside the embassy is measured in centigrade or fahrenheit because minus 40 is the same on both scales. July is the only month when the mean temperature over 14 hours rises above freezing

What is the lifestyle of the tiny band of diplomats charged with keeping the Union Flag fluttering over this far-flung outpost? "The two essential difficulties are climate and isolation," says Butler, who, after a tour of duty at Strasburg, has now retired from the diplomatic service to become director of Sallingbury Casey, a subsidiary of Saatchi & Saatchi. "Ulan Bator is 36 hours from

Peking on the trans-Mongolian railway and four and a half days from Moscow.

"Apart from the few things we brought in whenever we passed through Peking, all the embassy supplies came by rail from Peter Justesen, the freeport suppliers in Copenhagen, And the trick was to time their shipment between the end of April and mid-August because, before or after that, the wine bottles would freeze solid in transit and burst open. And with a difference of 110° F between the semperature inside and outside the embassy, stepping outdoors was like being kicked under the

heart by a horse." But the most intense pressure of a posting to Mongolia is un-doubtedly social claustrophobia. The British contingent is made up of an ambassador (Butler's great friend, David Sprague), a second secretary, two support staff and their wives - all sleeping, cating and playing in the one two-storey

dd one, or sometimes two, British Council teachers, and the European resident popula-tion of Ulan Bator (lineral translation: Red Hero) totals 10 at most.

"The wives are obliged to work at the embassy, not only because it saves the expense of bringing in extra staff to do the clerical and secretarial duties but, more importantly, because they would go bonkers if they didn't," Butler explains. Ulan Bator has no direct dialling, no telex and a haphazard fax system.

"It brings you back to Victorian methods of self-entertainment. We converted a grim-looking cellar into a bar and darts room and we used to organize a sort of decathion of Scrabble, durts, bridge and other events to pass the time. It must have been infinitely worse before the arrival of video films, which we would bring in whenever we returned from leave.

"It was absolutely essential that husbands got on with wives, husbands got on with other husbands and wives got on with otherwives. I won't say that there were no tensions, but it was remarkable how well we survived them. There are no pubs to escape to and if you really wanted to blow your top and get off on your own for a while it took at least half an hour to put on the necessary clothing - by which time you had probably thought

better of it anyway." Despite the climate, the country has a stark beauty. The Pamir and Altai mountain ranges tower to 15,000ft and in June the plains are so densely carpeted with edelweiss that it is often necessary to drive over fields of them to get from one place to another.

This absence of roads, coupled with the intense cold, aids another unwelcome ingredient of daily life - physical danger. It does not stem from the usual western sources like traffic, which is non-existant, and mugging. which is almost unknown. And the embassy, sited within a mile of the Soviet army headquarters, is one of the best protected on the British diplomatic circuit. But if you are not driving on sheet ice then you are at risk of being bogged down in thawing snow. "Ambassadors to Mongolia are almost certainly the only members of the British diplomatic service who learn exactly how long they have got to change a Land-Rover tyre before they freeze to death," says Butler, with a shiver.

It is just this sort of sacrifice from successive teams of temporary residents over 27 years which has made Britain the number one potential beneficiary of Mongolia's gradual rejection of the communist strait-jacket. Among other natural assets, the Mongolians have one of the largest copper mines in the world, great deposits of fluorspar and coal, a wealth of other minerals and, estopishingly, a national debt

Mongolia is showing a desire symbolically at least - to come in, from the cold. If the United Kingdom becomes, as seems likely, the broker of that transition, it will almost entirely be due to the most accomplished train of darts players in the foreign service.

ever a crossword from Sir Max Beerbohm

you could do if you chose to, some disastrous and devastating thing the very thought of which has brought cold sweat to your brow? And you may have at some time thought: Suppose I released into the columns of The Times, one of these fine days, a crossword puzzle with clues signifying nothing whatsoever,' and may have hideously pictured to yourself the effect on all educated parts of Great Britain?

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In 1940, Sir Max Beerbohm time and observing in the "PS: The nightmare wouldn't ACROSS wrote to The Times: "No armchairs men with blank, be loathsomely complete undoubt you, like most people, set, fixed, pale, just-not- less a few of the clues were have sometimes thought of despairing faces, poring over quite genuine — and very some utterly awful thing that the current issue? — one of simple, so as to put the solvers them perhaps rising unsteadily and lumbering out of the library and asking the librar-ian, 'Have we a Wordsworth have provided six such clues, concordance?, or some question of that sort . .

wondered just how the apology in the next day's issue should be worded — just what excuse should be offered, before the shutters in Printing House Square were briskly and slammingly put up for "You may incidentally have ever? Perhaps I oughtn't to remind you of this nightmare

in good heart, and make them confident of success, and keep with my usual forethought."

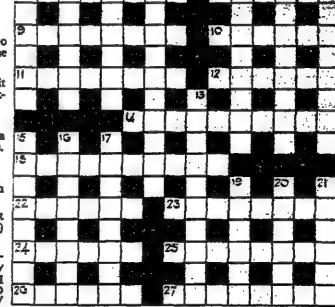
Out of consideration for our "And you may further have solvers, The Times printed Beerbohm's letter alongside his crossword. Some of his clues read more like crossword clues than the real thing, and his quotations would not have disgraced their putative authors. Given this protective coloration, his six clues are not all that easy to spot, (Answers at end of the clues.)

- 1 A Victorian statesman lurking in a side lair (8). 5 Milky way unseen by stargazers (6)
- An insect with a girl on each side (8). 10 Pugilists' wear (6).
- 11 Four toes are broken (8). The cockney's goddess appears to have been a
- slimmer (6). 14 There's a little company in the meadows next month
- (10).18 "But what if memory Itself our -s had betrayed?" (Matthew Arnold) (two words (5,5).
- 22 A nudist's aunt? (6).

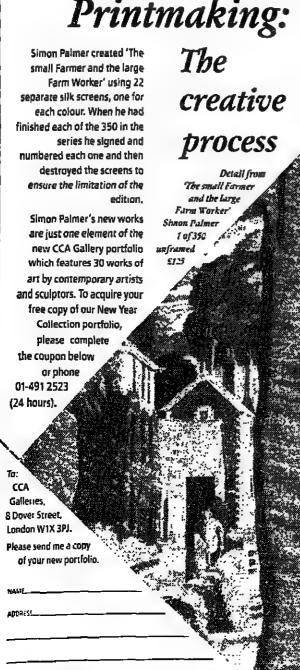
(Shakespeare) (8).

- 24 Acknowledgement of debt in a vessel (6). 25 Neither animal nor mineral. and three-fourths vegetable (8).
- 26 Not what the wicket-keeper
- tries for in Essex (6). 27 The PRA is confounded (8).
- 1 Drum (Newbolt) (6).
- 2 The top of the morning, perhaps (6).
- A Manx beverage (6).
- 4 Ho! Let's go in (anag) (10).
- 6 Wordsworth's fan mail? (8). 7 And yet sugar can be refined
- 8 They are up and doing, no doubt, in "the sweet o' the 13 Little Tommy thought it
- smith (10).
- 15 Voltaire's prêtre enrage (8). 16 Such buns are eaten on a good day (two words) (3, 5).
- 17 Caliban's sea-change (8). 19 Pollarded haven (6).
- 20 I'm in the old Roman bath "Our - clues that do but
- darken counsel" (Tennyson)

Gloves; 23, Overcame; Da Drakes; 16, Hot cross; 1



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All clued up for Day Three



Today we print the third set of clues to our prize puzzle, together with the relevant part of the grid. The answers fit within, but do not fill, the unshaded section shown on the right

ACROSS

- 110 Swearing in part of Russia (6) 120 Mount sentries in military HQ
- 128 Promise union to endure a sort of Communist hothead (7) 130 Pick a size of type (5)
- 138 Left before midsummer? Gosh! 139 Plan to get man on US board (5) 147 Left a ring to only daughter (9)
- 156 Contents of home, say, that you'll find in city (5) 157 Like Eliza in this fur (5)
- 165 Reassemble never, once scattered (9) 166 Like eternity ring, in more ways than one? (7)
- 169 Watering hole used by natives
- 175 Guard's intended to remove source of ill-feeling (5) 177 Character in Bleak House, thwarting one of the defence
- 191 Lucky fellow pronounced strange antics athletic (9)
- 194 Dog with fetching ways (9) 203 Silver surplus one country's amassing (13)

204 Engineer effective in going

through accounts again (9) 207 Characters at start of book help in establishing contact (7,2,12)

DOWN

- 101 Plant batches of really exotic
- trees initially inside this? (9) 102 Finally improved recognition of
- wit in Russian (9) 111 A minder with us, originally? (9) 117 Inside story, as told by Oscar
- (3,6,2,7,4)121 National hero dismantling segregation (5,6) Pulled too far back on the rocks
 - Chairman's confused, hence total disorder (9)
- 149 Keener parent who overpraised children (5) 158 Artist to draw merchant from his
- city (7) 160 Organized workers having the edge in plant (5)
- **167** Split money (5) 168 Fish was perceptibly stale (5) 170 Thought character of festivities should be changed (11)

176 Opening doctor spotted in

177 Endowed altars church retains

cancellation (9)

- after Reformation (9) 178 Highly effective money (9) 179 Joined - one enlisted and served
- in army (9) 186 Learning garland is for seductress (7) 192 Has potential to take power (5)
- 195 General purpose sort of instrument (5) 196 Home of religious leader, an apostate of the prophet (5)

193 Scoff food for cattle (5)

THE CHALLENGE

 The Times Diamond Jubilee Crossword, which has 2,025 squares, has been broken into five sections which are appearing throughout this week.

On Saturday we will reprint the whole grid, together with the remaining multi-section clues. Entries should be filled in on the grid which is reprinted on Saturday.

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There are 12 prizes on offer for the successful solvers: the winner will receive £1,000 and a trip to India for two, courtesy of Hogg Robinson and Cox & Kings. The second prize is a numbered set of the 32-volume Encyclopaedia Britannica in the limited edition Platinum binding, and a matching copy of the Britannica World Data Annual, Each of the 10 numers-up will receive The Times Atlas of the World. Pull details of how to enter your solution, where to send your entry and the closing date will be published on Saturday.

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Help them to help themselves

TELEVISION

Sheridan Morley

If the test of a successful television case-history documentary is that it can be capable of arousing real rage, then David Jessel's A Crim-ical Way to Treat an Illness, in his Taking Libertles series on BBC 2 lest night, was a rare winner.

last night, was a rare winner.

Jesuel took up the cause of three people who found themselves the victims of the very institutions they thought would protect them. All three are or were mentally ill.

All three belong or belonged to the new auderclass of 90,000 long-stay patients who have been decanted into the community since 1954, to into the community since 1954, to form a vagrant group too large for the police to "move along". Only 6,000 of them have been accommedated by local authorities.

It appears from a survey by the Westminster Association for Mea-tal Health (June-December 1988), rough on London streets is men-tally ill: whole areas of the city are, in effect, becoming open-air men-tal institutions. Jessel ventured into this confused jungle of the destitute and demented, to follow the stories of a paranoid schizo-phrenic who killed his father, a suicidal wife-stabber, and a tramp who wanders from hospital to prison and back.

Politically, the argument looks simple enough: the left want such people out of Victorian institu-tions, and the right want them standing on their own feet. But in the middle are the patients them-selves, marginalized and lost in the back streets with an illness that was once a shame and which we have now reclassified as a criss-

For such people, the ultimate civil liberty is suicide. An article in The British Journal of Pupchtarry (No 156, 1990) suggests that between 1972 and 1987 there was an increase of 80 per cent in suicides in prison. According to last night's programme, eight prisoners in British Prison and one prisoner from there sent for trial committed suicide during trial committed spicide during 1989. (During the same period, three prison efficers apparently killed themselves, with a fourth

It is surely time, as Jesse remarked, to realize that in abanoning the concept of lumntic soming the concept of leaster asylums because rightly, "in-natio" is now seen as an appalling concept, we have also abandoned the notion of an asylum. Thirty thousand beds for the mentally ill have disappeared in the past 10 years; it may already be too late to

Over on Channel 4, Ordinary People was the start of a six-part series which premises to explore why women have become feminists in such areas as the law, education and the arts. The contain-raiser was, however, nothing more than a dictionary of anti-female quotations, from the 12th-century "To esalmace a woman is to enthrace a through 800 years to Germaine Greer noting that women today still have very little idea of how

Some of these random quotes were alarming enough, but it would have been equally possible and perhaps more unusual to compile a 30-minute authology of all the daft things women have ever said about men. On to the next episode please, especially as it comes from an independent production company with the wonderfully apt, and on this occasion accurate, name of

French piano music of the present century evidently has a special appeal for Iwan Llewelyn-Jones,

from north Wales. He devoted his

programme entirely to the French

His recital was presented by the Classical Music Club, an associ-

ation of music lovers who them-

selves organize and promote such

opportunities to help bring forward young artists. Their enthu-

sissin clearly meant much to the

pianist, after he eased his way a shade nervously into the pro-

gramme with a Theme and Varia-

tions by Fauré that sounded un-

Nor did he find his best form

until after the opening "Ondine"

in Ravel's suite, Gaspard de la

Nuit, the irridescence of the

sprite's watery element having too much rigidity in the constantly

recurring shape of the note-pat-

repertory and made much of it.

Best when challenged

bout 25 years ago, when Bernard Haitink was not famous, a PR man tried to interest the Press in him by using the immortal phrase: "He's so

uncharismatic as to be interesting". Haitink, who abhors publicity as ardently as Solti or Bernstein revel in it, would rush to endorse the uncharismatic bit. It is said that once, when he was rehearsing the Vienna Philharmonic, the strings suddenly turned on their most luscious, schmaltzy tone. Any other con-ductor would have been overwhelmed with pleasure, "Please," responded Haitink in mock hor-

No top conductor commands more affection from musicians. Sothere is widespread sympathy for Haitink's problems as music director of the Royal Opera House: the abandoning of one Ring cycle; a spate of ill-received new productions; continued un-certainty about the fate of the Royal Opera and Royal Ballet during Covent Garden's closure. Most recently, the ballet dispute has threatened one of Haitink's

ror, "remember I am only Dutch."

most cherished projects: a production of Borodin's five-hour epic Prince Igor, planned to bring together the Royal Ballet and Royal Opera. That has been partly salvaged; he will indeed conduct a sung-and-danced Prince Igor tomorrow, though not with David Bintley's new choreography. Haitink turned down the Royal

Opera job twice. It was offered a third time and he said yes. Has it turned out the way he expected? "Well, I am a pessimist, a worrier – and I was right, I always say that whenever you enter an opera house, some axe has fallen on your head within five minutes."

Of course, those who have heard him conduct Mahler, Janá-

ček, Shostakovich or even Elgar I'm not sure I want to go back and Vaughan Williams, will know that the image of a phlegmatic, moderate Dutchman is a smokescreen. His performances dig deep into the neuroses of late Romantic music; intensity and integrity burn like twin lasers through everything

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He believes that conducting is something you do with your hands. If a conductor needs to shout in rehearsal, or enter into long explanations, he has failed. "I never shout; I am not a dictator. He likes to quote the verdict of a player when Haitink, barely turned 30, was chosen to succeed Van Beinum as principal conductor of the Amsterdam Concertgebouw Orchestra: "The boy knows nothing, but he is a

Once, in Amsterdam, he had to conduct a concert for a convention of American travel agents, who talked persistently through the first item. Haitink stopped the music and walked out. More significantly, the Concertgebouw Orchestra followed him off without hesitation. No charisma?

For more than 25 years the names of Haitink and the Concertgebouw were inseparable; it seemed the perfect marriage of orchestra and conductor. In the 1980s things went wrong: funding wrangles with the Amsterdam city council; threats of personnel cuts, "You cannot cut off an arm or a leg," Haitink angrily told the authorities. He left the "principal conductor for life" position, with a series of emotionally-charged performances of Mahler's Eighth Symphony, in 1988.

The Concertgebouw went to the other extreme, replacing Haitink with the young Italian firebrand, Riccardo Chailly, "Now, suddenly, they are making smoke signals again," says Haitink. "But

guest. They have gone in a totally different direction; I don't want to say better or worse."

It says much for his industr

era houses. As far as Covent Garden is concerned, I am personally not thinking beyond its closure, apart from the fact that I want to do several projects that would suit my philosophy. For example, we are planning Ring cycles at the Albert Hall, in 1993 and 1994, using Götz Friedrich's production. It will be semi-staged only, but Friedrich sees possibilities in that. And with 5,000 people each night, we won't have to charge those high ticket prices." Haitink worries about Covent Garden's pricing policy ("it is against my nature to charge people anything to listen to music"); about the "so-called stars we sometimes have to cope with"; about opera producers who "experiment for experiment's

cousins of the Royal Opera. ballet: something no music director usually bothers with, "It was

Covent Garden music director Bernard Haitink talks to Richard Morrison about the past two seasons and his present projects

Embattled but not embittered

that, while he was running one of the finest European orchestras Bernard Haitink, KBE, was also a central figure in British musical life: principal conductor of the London Philharmonic for more than a decade; music director at Glyndebourne until his Royal Opera appointment That of the future?

sake, simply following fashion" ("sometimes you talk over their plans with them, then they change them without telling you"); and about the perception by Royal Ballet members that they are poor

"Listen, I'm 60 now. For 30 years I

have been running orchestras and op-

One of Haitink's first decisions at Covent Garden was to conduct my conscience. I wanted to heal



Haitink: "I never shout, I am not a diciator"; no top conductor commands more affection from musicians the rift between ballet and opera companies, and to show the orchestra that I was interested in their well-being. Then I started to

enjoy it!"

He says he has no interest now in accepting another principalconductor position, though he confirms he was in contention with Abbado until the last moment for the Karajan succession in Berlin. "That orchestra is special; Karajan must have worked very hard. When the players approached me, I told them that I could not refuse the post if

The final orchestral vote went to Abbado. "I felt first disappointment that I had not got it, after all the talks we had had. Then I felt admiration that the Berliners had made an excellent musical choice, that they had not considered

candidates who might be called a 'business choice'. Then I felt immense relief, that I did not have the responsibility of running a great orchestra again. There are so many things left to do: digging into certain works I really love. I need more time, less pressure."

• Prince Igor will have eight performances at the Royal Opera House, Coveru Garden, starting tomorros

Andrew Gibbon Williams on a Glasgow exhibition of fine art works drawn from the collections of banks and international businesses

Raise the company's colours

n America, companies have been doing it for years. But the big names in British business have only recently become aware of the benefits of collecting art. Whereas a one-off musical or theatrical sponsorship is soon forgotten, continuous art acquisition ensures that a company's teputation for philanthropy will stay hot.
It is not only the cultural

prestige. Employees get a jollier working environment, artists and such as United Distillers.

informed advice, a modest outlay buys a collection which appreciates in value faster than either property or financial investments. Notwithstanding its Bond Street headquarters, the Fine Arts Society has strong Scottish connec-tions. Through its galleries in Edinburgh and Glasgow it has done more for long-neglected Scottish Victorian painters and the Scottish Colourists than even the National Gallery of Scotland. Several Scottish companies which have collected in this area are in the vanguard of the corporate art boom. As its first City of Culture offering, the FAS has mounted an exhibition of 60 works owned by them: household names such as the Clydesdale Bank and Bank of Scotland, powerful conglomerates The show's ostensible raison d'être is historical - to give an

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tern. But with the two other pieces

he caught the spirit of the music

There was something of a Gaelic fantasy about "Le Gibet",

with its evocation of a gallows-corpse and its ominously tolling

repetition of B-flat throughout;

and his plunge into the macabre and technically dangerous virtuos-

ity of "Scarbo" brought an impressive command of the keyboard, from a fine feathering of the

fingers in crossover hands to a

Impressionistic poetry of a dif-

ferent sort was apparent in the

early Estampes by Debussy. The

composer's first flirtation with the

Orient in "Pagodes" drew subtle

variation from the pianist in his

handling of pentatonic melodies,

and the problems of pedalling that

abound in "Soirée dans Grenade".

Debussy's first Spanish excursion.

were for the most part capably

sinister sonority of chords.

more vividly.



Landseer's "Monarch of the Glen": great 19th-century Scottish icon

overview of Scottish art from 1800. But its more important value is the insight it gives into the collecting policies of the various companies.

Very few of the British ones have reached the professional stage of corporate collecting (in America such companies as AT and T, Amoco and McDonalds employ curators and even build their own galleries) but Robert Fleming, the City bank, is pretty near it. Although it is Londonbased, its Scottish founder and, perhaps, its FAS client-status, earns it wall space in Glasgow.

Like the majority, this collection began with the enthusiasm of a chairman. But Fleming decided to specialize in Scottish art at just the right time. The walls of its hi-tech City headquarters are lined with Scottish Colourists, which were bought for hundreds of pounds, and are now worth hundreds of thousands.

Fleming has recently bought works by James Pryde and William McTaggart for prices in excess of £100,000. At the FAS it is well represented with an impressive group of Glasgow Boys such as E.A. Walton and George Henry and Colourists such as J.D. Fergusson and Peploe. Arthur Andersen is the only

British company to employ a firm

of art consultants full-time. It circulates works throughout its branches in the UK and makes a point of patronizing local galleries and local artists. It is difficult to imagine better PR. Arthur Andersen is more adventurous than most and takes a chance with the untried and avant-garde. A picture of the famous Glasgow market, "The Barras" by the young Scottish artist, Peter Howson, who specializes in this updated form of

genre painting, is indicative of this

The taste of the Clydesdale Bank's Sir David Fairbairn tended toward the historically respectable - museum legitimized artists - so the Clydesdale Collection comprises Sir D.Y. Cameron, Sir John Lavery and Alexander Nasmyth. It is, atypically, of a consistent quality. By far the great majority of corporate collections have "just grown": portraits of past chairmen, landscapes bought for the boardroom, prints to line corridors. They tend to be unfocused combinations of banal pictures by established names and rubbish by unknowns. However, the occasional master-

piece can be found.
United Distillers, for example, through its absorption of Dewar's and Johnny Walker, inherited two great 19th-century Scottish icons: Landseer's still rather awesome "Monarch of the Glen" (familiar in miniature to generations of whisky-tipplers) and Sir Henry Raeburn's full-length portrait of the Highland Chief, "The Mac-Nab", described by the foremost Regency portraitist, Lawrence as "the best representation of a human being" he ever saw. With a value of approximately £3 million, picture such as Landseer's

Monarch" is a capital asset. The Scottish corporate connoisseurs play down the investment motive. They do not like to think of themselves as tartan Saatchi & Saatchis speculating on the home market. But, as the value of Victorian pictures continues to rise and as the prices of Scottish Colourists set records at auction, and when even work by contemporary Scottish painters sell for tens of thousands, this looks rather disingentions.

Irreverent, outrageous pranks the end to play Anna's grief for real. As she has just been bopping

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Don Giovanni Greenwich

Terence Hillyer's Leporello sings "All he ever does is poke" from inside his green hooded sweatshirt. 'Nah, nah, nah, nah, I can't take this asymore." And down from a belcony whooshes Mark McGann's Glovanni in his spotted underpasts, quickly clothing his bare parts in black pullover, trougers and ski-mask. It looks as if Mozart's greatest opera is about to become a celebration of SAS exoticisus: Who Dancy Scores.

Tony Britten and Nick Broad hurst's "new version" is not that outrageous, but at times it comes close. De Poste's Illeretto did not include anything obviously translatable as "slag" or "bimbo". Nor did Mozart conceive of an Elvira such as Sarah Payne's, venomously warning the Don that she will "have your balls on toast".

Broadhurst's production gives es that and more. There is vodice and orange for Zerlina, the motorway slut, to swallow, a calculator for Leporello to tot up Giovanni's seductions, and even a cricket bat for Simon Butteriss's Hurrah Henry Octavio to take his oath on. The hell which engulfs McGans — a sauntering Chelsea rogue and probable habitué of Tramp —

resembles a steamy green sauna.
You can of course huff and puff at all this and call it a valgar travesty; but its creators might well deflect your ire by agreeing with you. Their intention seems partly to amuse those who do not know Mozart by showing that he

humanable West End musical than any contemporary; and partly to amuse those who do know him by playing inventive pranks with an opera that can, after all, survive a little irreversace.

So there is little point completeing that the evening lacks tenderness, rage, or any other serious emotion. That goes without saying. The objections are, first, that the fun gets too frantic and silly, and, second, that Jan Hartley Morris makes a sudden attempt towards

in Giovanni's pad, dressed in gandy patchwork, that is absurd. Nevertheless, Morris's singing remains the strongest around. Most of her colleagues begin well enough, but leave one feeling that, while they would illuminate your average musical comedy, they are not ready for anything more consistently challenging. And that is, one fears, especially true of McGann, too breathy at the start,

too boarse by the end.



Slut and rogue: Zerlina (Kelly Hunter), Don Giovanni (Mark McGann)



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solved. The remaining "Jardins sous la pluie" had rhythmic intensity tempered by nurserysong sentiment. It was not merely the pianist's recourse to the printed music to guide him through two of the three pieces by Olivier Messiaen that seemed to modify some of the audecities in Ile de Feu 1 and 2, but a feeling that he was still exploring some of their latent possibilities. These he pushed to the limits in "Le Baiser" from the Régards sur l'Enfant-Jésus. After the challenge of Messiaen, Poulenc's Napoli suite inevitably,

perhaps, sounded vapid and

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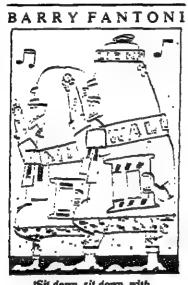
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NIGEL WILLIAMSON

hat was a Liberal Democrat MP doing at yesterday's Parliamentary Labour Party meeting, applauding speeches by two ambulance workers and Neil Kinnock? I wanted to show my support for the ambulance staff," said Simon Hughes, member for Bermondsey. "1 wasn't sure what sort of reception I would get, but Labour members made me very welcome." Hughes says he has received two high-level approaches to stand at the next election as the Labour candidate in Ber-mondsey, where the local party is suspended because of a council contretemps. Labour officially denies the story, but Hughes believes the approaches were genuine. "They have been trying to give me a Labour Party membership card for years, but I have resisted — so far," he told me.

 Perusing last week's Hansard, I noticed that Nicholas Soames voted against Teresa Gorman's bill to repeal the Rent Acts - the only Tory MP to do so. I suggested to him that be must have strong views on the subject. "Not particularly," he told me. "I'm simply unable to support anything Mrs Gorman proposes."

ollowing his call to the Prime Minister to return to the National Trust the silverware in the Downing Street state dining room borrowed from Belton House, Dennis Skinner is now asking Mrs Thatcher to give up the Gainsborough portrait of David Garrick which she has had on loan from the National Portrait Gallery since 1984. The Prime Minister has replied that the Downing Street state rooms allow such pictures to be "kept safely and displayed to advantage" for the benefit of official visitors. What about the rest of the nation, says Skinner, who tells me he has now written to "Magpie Thatcher" asking what else she has hoarded away behind that famous front door.



Sit down, sit down, with bone in vont heart'

TX / hen David Waddington made his week, I wonder if he realized what vested interests he faced on the Opposition benches. There is the first division elite. such as Joe Ashton, proud owner of two shares in Sheffield Wednesday ("no dividend paid since 1935") and Tom Pendry, whose researcher's wages are paid by Tottenham Hotspur. But there are the minnows, too - Alan Meale, a shareholder in Mansfield Town (currently 64th out of the 92 clubs in the Football League), David Clark, a shareholder in Carlisle United (67th) and Roland Boyes, shareholder and director of Hardepool United (91st). North of the border there is Harry Ewing shareholder in the equally undistinguished Cowdenbeath (37th out of the 38 clubs in the Scottish League). Small wonder Labour is against all-seater stadiums - Meale's Mansfield club, for example, estimates that it would cost more than £1 million and reduce crowd capacity to a mere 4,000.

t Woolwich Town Hall tonight, two days after publication of the Taylor report, Labour councillors look set to block the construction of one of Britain's first all-seat soccer stadiums by refusing Charlton Athletic the planning permission it needs to return to The Valley from Selhurst Park, which it shares with Crystal Palace. If they do, Charlton supporters - many of them Labour members, and despite threats of expulsion - will announce their intention to stand against Labour councillors all over the borough in the May elections on a "Voice of the Valley" ticket. They feel betrayed by Labour politicians on Green-wich borough council who said they wanted to see the club back only to turn against the idea once it neared fruition.

A year ago when Charlton re-purchased The Valley and announced its intention to return, thousands of supporters, including your diarist, turned up on a Sunday morning to help clear what had become a derelict site. If planning permission is refused tonight and the prospect of football being played again at The Valley recedes, probably forever, I shall be among those shedding a tear. And although this column is strictly above party politics, if Voice of the Valley candidates want my assistance, they know where to get in touch.

all sounded very noble

when Douglas Hurd, referring to Hong Kong, said last month that he was anxious that the last main chapter in the story of this country's empire... should not end in a shabby way". His own actions and inaction are preventing this ambituon from being realized.

Omelco (the Office of Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils) in Hong Kong has pressed the Government to ensure that direct elections to the Legislative Council be established by the time of the handover to China in 1997. Omelco was disappointed that the first elections will not be held until 1991, with only 10 of the 60 Legislative Council members di-

rectly elected. Immediately following the Tiananmen Square massacre last June, I pressed the Government to buttress confidence in Hong Kong by immediately increasing the number of elected members. Sir Geoffrey Howe, in his last days as Foreign Secretary, responded on July 13 by asserting that "the pace of development should reflect the wishes of the whole community", and referred to the "unanimous view" of Gerald Kaufman lists further failures to stand up to Peking

Hurd's damaging inaction

Omelco as "a very significant step towards the establishment of a consensus in Hong Kong".

The Omeloo consensus calls for 20 elected members next year and 30 in 1995. Despite believing such steps too modest I, as apparently did Sir Geoffrey, support the Omelco view. The problem is that Sir Geoffrey did nothing, John Major in his three months at the Foreign Office did nothing and Douglas Hurd has done nothing.

So the Government has now left the field to the Chinese, who, announcing that there must be only 18 elected members by 1997, have made threatening noises against any higher figure implemented while Hong Kong remains a British colony. As Dame Lydia Dunn and Allen Lee, both legislative councillors, made clear to me last week, the people of Hong Kong are ready take the risk. Mr Hurd,

gence" with China Convergence here means caving in to Peking and breaking commitments to

Hong Kong. Less obviously discreditable, because more opaque, is the Government's present attitude towards a Bill of Rights for Hong Kong. Last July Sir Geoffrey forthrightly told the Commons that a Bill of Rights "will form part of the existing law and will continue after the transfer of sovereignty". Here again there has been a clash with Peking on the question of entrenchment

after the handover. As a result, Hong Kong representatives have thrown out the draft Bill. Mr Hurd has been so cowed by the Chinese reaction, or attaches so little importance to the Bill of Rights, that in his statement to Parliament after returning from Hong Kong he did not even mention it. When I raised the matter he had to resort to a hasty briefing from Sir Geoffrey on the Government from beach before dismissively referring to the Bill as an "idea" put forward by Sir Geoffrey.

Where the Government has decided to act is by proposing to provide British passports to 50,000 Hong Kong heads of household on a points system which Mr Hurd finds impossible to explain, but which is certainly based on affluence, influence and status, and is quite likely unworkable. Its aim, Mr Hurd said is to bolster confidence by anchoring this selected clite to Hong Kong.

What remains unclear is how the 96 per cent of the Hong Kong population who will not qualify will gain confidence by the knowledge that 4 per cent of their wealthier and more influential compatriots are to be given this privilege. In any case, the whole scheme seems increasingly irrelevant in view of China's recent announcement that after 1997 senior officials in Hong Kong will not have the right to live abroad and that Hong Kong residents with British passports will not be allowed to seek British consular protection while in the territory. The Government's scheme is accordingly transformed from a purported anchor into an incentive

to emigrate before 1997. The other government action, easily the least worthy and aimed at pacifying certain sections of opinion in Hong Kong, has also come unstuck. When Vietnamese boat people mainly women and children, with a handful of men - were forcibly sent back in November, it was said that the objective was to deter others in Vietnam from setting forth when the "sailing season" begins next month.

The international outcry led to suspension of further deportations until an international conference could discuss the issue. When that conference was held in Geneva last week the Government's policy was thrown into disarray by a failure to agree. No doubt Mr Hurd was able to bear with equanimity what his officials called the "hypocrisy" of the United States in opposing the deportations.

Far more awkward was the demand by Vietnam for a moratorium on deportations until October, since deportations are not possible if Vietnam will not receive those who are sent back. Far more revealing was Britain's readiness to accept a six-mouth moratorium; those six months, of course, take us to July, and make nonsense of the claim that deportations were essential before March pour décourager les

The cynicism and slothfulness of a procession of foreign secretaries has worsened Hong Kong's predicament rather than provided reassurance. Is this what was once called the resolute

approach? The author is Labour spokesman on foreign affairs.

What role now for the Army?

The British Army has been bracing itself to fight a third world war ever since the second one ended. The threat from a belligerent Soviet Union shaped its understanding of defence and focused attention on a set of clear objectives. The sudden diminution of that threat has thus blurred the Army's vision of its future.

The sensation is a relatively novel one. Throughout the 18th and first part of the 19th centuries British soldiers and sailors prepared to fight the French, before turning to meet the Russians, then the Germans. In between, when European politics seemed benign, there was always the Empire to fashion and maintain or that blistering route to India to protect. The Army has rarely lacked a sense of mission.

Officially it is not without one now. If the Vienna talks on Conventional Forces in Europe carry on as planned they should produce a treaty later this year which will cut Nato forces on the continent. The effect on the British Army of the Rhine (BAOR) remains unclear, but a reduction of between 10 and 15 per cent is the maximum ex-

The impact of this on the 1st British Corps would be manageable. In one sense it would enable some tidying up, by removing a number of units which have been badly located since the war - because that is where they happened to be when peace broke out. The loss of one of its eight armoured brigades operational impact on the Corps. The other seven would carry on training for the time being, preparing to face an invasion from the east.

But this slow diminuendo seems unlikely. At best its pace is likely to be quickened as pressure increases for East-West disengagement. Even if the rundown in forces continues to be managed within the CFE framework the dismantling of most, if not all, of BAOR well before the end of this decade now looks probable. The Army, in other words, will soon start shrinking.

How far it should shrink is a matter for debate. Before the last war, that is before we had an army on the continent, it was 220,000 strong: 122,000 were based in Britain, up to 55,000 in India (the same number as in BAOR), and 43,000 were scattered around the pax britannica. Thirty years ago Sir Basil Liddell Hart, surveying the dissolution of the Empire, thought that a total of 140,000 should suffice, On that view, the Army is already over-strength at 165,000 - though this includes 16,000 in training and 8,000 Gurkhas.

Its size should depend on the jobs it has to do. But this is where the difficulty lies. It is not that the Ministry of Defence needs bright ideas, of which It is rather that few of these bear close analysis, while those which do are strikingly peripheral.

ithdrawal from

West Germany and Berlin would leave the 11,000 in Northern Ireland as the biggest number outside mainland Britain. Small contingents remain in Gibraltar, Cyprus, Belize, the Falkland Islands, Brunei (a battalion of Gurkhas) and, until 1997, in Hong Kong. There are also training teams and temporary detachments on loan or secondment in parts of the Third World, the number of which could increase. So could United Nations peace-keeping duties. The sudden availability of first class troops (not just from Britain) might enable more use to be made of the Blue Berets.

Anti-terrorist operations (outside Ireland) suggest yet another iob opportunity, to which the war against the drugs trade might be added. But this is unlikely to be manpower-intensive, probably involving primarily the Special Air Service.

It is tempting to talk of expanding the SAS, which now comprises one small regiment



Henry Stanhope foresees big cuts - including an almost total

run-down in Germany — as Soviet forces leave Eastern Europe

based in Hereford, But the number of suitable volunteers is limited. Only one out of every five applicants is accepted and the regiment could not easily double in size unless it lowered its standards and its quality. Nor is there a convincing precedent. At no time since its post-war revival in 1952 has the 22nd Regiment SAS had to be de-

where - including the Falklands War eight years ago when it returned to its wartime role of operating behind enemy lines.

Nor is it conceivable that the Army could resume its old responsibilities of "world policeman". Intervention in some overseas imbroglio, whether or not by invitation of the govern-

ment, would have serious foreign policy (and budget) implications. The idea, however romantically expressed, of British soldiers standing by like guardian angels is unconvincing.

in fact the larger part of a probably continue to share two major roles. One would be the defence of the realm in Britain itself. This is already the responsibility of a general at United Kingdom Land Forces headquarters outside Salisbury who in wartime would command a mixed force of regular and Territorial Army troops, now garrisoned throughout the country's military districts. Troops could also play a bigger role in

supporting the civil power, most

police, in close collaboration with the Home Office.

The other role would be in Europe. The reinforcement of allied forces on the continent, for whatever reason, is likely to remain the Army's prime responsibility abroad. Troops will train and exercise with our allies to help meet any crisis. They should accordingly retain a modest beadquarters — not necessarily on the continent - to provide the basic structure, in infantry, artillery and armour, on which an expeditionary force

t is too easily assumed that the future British Army could lean heavily in wartime on an expanded reserve. But there are at least two objections to this theory. In the first place, even the best reserves come a poor second to regular troops in an emergency. Secondly, to expand the Territorial Army is more easily said than done. It is 15 per cent below strength as it is, despite periodic advertising campaigns.

All this means that we are probably thinking of a regular. Army a little over two-thirds of its present size. The Royal Armoured Corps may feel the cuts most deeply, its new main battle tank probably now a distant dream. But a number of famous old regiments, including infantry, will be merged or bereduced to reserve status. De-: mobilization will be painful and expensive, given that not all might be achieved through natu-

The departure from West Germany would be bearable. Life in BAOR has become frustrating for many units, with wives finding it difficult to get jobs there. Although the Russians are withdrawing, they may still have to play the part of bogeymen, providing a yardstick beside which British forces and theirs can be measured. In the absence of a new one coming crucial role to play.

American battle starts for the spoils of peace

Peter Stothard reports on claims to surplus millions that do not exist he "peace dividend"

money which the US is supposed to save by reducing its anti-Soviet deterrent is the champion buzz word in Washington right now. In a recent magazine survey, it beat "ethics" and "Vaclav Havel" with ease. In Congress they talk of little else in this election year. Some 600 eager politicians have seen the non-working of contemporary communism; each wants a large reward for his district back home. President Bush has seen the congressmen; he wants to keep them off his back with a "small dividend" from the reduction in defence spending plans. White House

do not like what they hear. Some buzz words are oneweek wonders. Others - and peace dividend is one - ebb and flow down the years. The US gave itself a dividend after the Vietnam War. It gave Egypt one after Camp David. Now it would love to give Gorbachov one. his budget director, Richard

henchmen are this week giving

advice to the legislators on just

how small is small. The listeners

Familiarity does not, however, breed comprehension. The "war dividend" of olden days was easy. You raided and pillaged and divided the spoils. Then you repeated the trick until your defences let you down and some-

body else took over the dividing. A peace dividend is different. This is a reapportionment of money you may have intended to spend on defence. It is not money you necessarily would have spent, certainly not money that you own. Like many ancient city states, the US has borrowed heavily to secure the safety of itself and its friends. There is no spare gold to go round. Last December, when Presi-

dent Bush spoke to Nato leaders, he seemed to have this truth clearly in view. He dismissed the whole dividend idea: any savings would be used to reduce the deficit on the US current account. Now he seems somewhat less resistant to the charms of fashion. This week he allowed

Darman, to put forward enough to satisfy at least some congressional demands for job creation, farm subsidies, welfare benefits and other dividends of peace.

At the same time, however, he allowed Darman - the biggest intellect in his administration to devise an intricate budget which is no more honest and persuasive about its deficit-cutting intentions than was the last. Arguably, the only real peace dividend, as a senior Democrat congressman told me the other day, is for President Bush himwho can more easily keep his pledge of "no new taxes".

If any dispassionate person were to read the whole budget book (which, its creator admits, would take a year of careful eight-hours-a-day study), he or she could conclude only that its writer was a Byzantine rogue. That, of course, is not Darman's fault. His inquisitor's skills, honed in the service of three presidents, Nixon, Reagan and Bush, are merely the only

weapon able to cope with the problems of sharing government with the hostile men on Capitol

US budget policy represents the sum of two contradictory wishes by the US electorate money for themselves and meanness (call it caution) towards other Americans. As long as voters elect Republican presidents and Democrat legislators, men like Darman will never lack employment.

The task of running the White House Office of Management and Budget needs a formidable mental flexibility - the sort of skill that the budget director learnt when he studied Elizabethan symbolism at Oxford in the 1960s. Twenty-five years later, when a man was needed to impersonate Michael Dukakis in rehearsals for the televised presidential election debates, Darman was the automatic choice.

He did not mind taking the catcalls of "Shorty" as he stood on the specially raised podium

for the diminutive would-be president. He just did his usual job of trying to fit big bills into a small pot of money without anyone noticing. He apparently did it much better than the governor of Massachusetts ever did, although, since he cuts his own hair, he never quite achieved the scrubbed-fresh Dukakis look.

Richard Darman, however, is more than just an intellectual mechanic. He is a prophet. He not only produces cynical budgets, but, with the same pen, writes messages of doom about what will happen if such budgets continue to be produced.

Knowing that congressmen watch television only to see themselves or to keep their children occupied, he drew his imagery from Sesame Street and Pac Man. He accused the politicians of ignoring the selfdevouring monsters - the legislation on health and nuclear clean-up bills - which will destroy future budgets unless

tough decisions are made now. He is the ideal man to administer a peace dividend. He is a great divider. His biggest contribution to the US public . spending process was to import the British system of setting a notional public purse and asking departments to bid for a share of it rather than for the biggest number they could think of The result was to set cabinet members at each others' throats rather than at the budget director's.

Some of the Bush team may. live to be grateful for that. It does not do to get on the wrong side of the divisive Darman. President. Reagan's spokesman, Larry Speakes, was rewarded for some implied insult with the following Darmanesque note. "It has been my experience that the wheel turns round and round in this town. Please be assured that the next time I am in a position to. influence the prospects of your success, failure or capacity to serve, I shall remember your

Speakes is not enjoying the best of fortune.

What is happening to Islington? That scourge of the catering mentality, Jonathan Meades, regrets the absence of a serious restaurant, but if you don't mind eating flippantly you now have a choice of every other retail outlet between the Angel and Highbury

From Benjy's of Earl's Court ("World Famous Breakfasts") to the Pizza Express; from the Mexican cantinas, Thai roadhouses and Greek kebab factories to the Angel Inn (a hangover from an aboriginal cafe society which is offering peanut butter and banana rolls as a sop to the exotic), Islington provides every variety of succour for the beaten-up overcoat and big rubber-soled

boot brigade. I don't know if I'm ready for it at all. On Saturday I was tempted by "thin spicy sausages of beef and mutton served with couscous

and a spicy sauce" into a new place in Upper Street. It looked like a set from un film de Jean Renoir nicotine yellow walls and newspapers on sticks; pastiche

gloomy, correctly grim and completely artificial. At least the staff with the floor length table-cloths round their middles didn't have false French accents. "Ow would monsieur laike 'eez steck?" asked a garçon in St John's Wood two years ago. "Bien cuit," replied my companion. "What?" said the waiter. "Actually, I'm from Stoke, but don't tell Madame I let on."

The Speciator and something by Norman Lewis, Simon Gray's diaries and On the Nature of Things Erotic (for the trio of Montparnasse; authentically sorbets). I had every intention of lingering, but at my nice little dinner-plate sized table by the hole in the floor I found myself next to a very old friend. She was not dining alone. She was dining with Nigel. They had the look of a couple who had come out to be together, and not with me.

Review, Country Life, Viz and

What is the etiquette here for the novice boulevardier? They wanted to be alone. I had some four tons of reading matter. The Unused to eating alone, I average Parisian, being margin-armed myself with The Literary ally more anti-social than me,



The night I played couscousberry

might have buried his head in le

Viz and grunted, but they were less than a baguette's length away. We were ie e-i-iele-i-iele whether we liked it or not. They naturally asked me to join two's company at a mock Parisian marble-topped table and three's a catastrophe. Bits of the table arrangement kept falling on the floor. Things were not helped by two carrier bags of reading matter and an unfoldable Indevendent Review.

We talked islington. Mary was flat-hunting in the area. It's the mortgage rate that keeps Islingten's cafe society going. Nobody can afford to eat seriously.

Cases are not the place for discreet assignments. There is an excellent patisserie in Soho called Maison Berthaud. You choose your delicious pastry downstairs and go upstairs to your table.

them, which I naturally did. But Many years ago I took a delicious pastry of my own there. The only other occupants were Maurice Richardson and my then regular girlfriend's father. Behind us the waitress was fussing up the stairs with our loaded tray. There was no turning back. I was plunged

into a Forties comedy. "This is Claire, a very old friend of mine," I said. "This is my daughter's boy-

friend," he said. I tried to make it appear that I bunked off work every afternoon to take tea in upstairs rooms with voluntuous young female opera singers, but the look in their eyes

took the edge off my rum baba.

bumped into John and Lise. "Mary and Nigel are in there," I said cheerily. They glanced at each other, significantly. Really! If people must have intimate liaisons they should stick to an underlit Tandoori. Does such a

thing still exists west of Haringey? At least down my bit of the Goswell Road it is still egg, beans and chips in any combination, without croissants. But the city wine-bars are creeping up from the south and the pseudo-gallic cases from the north. How long can it be before they meet in one giant puddle of brown wood and fake marble full of friends having quiet moments? I can't wait.

What the original inhabitants make of it is anyone's guess. They can buy seven varieties of almond croissant but there still isn't a Next or a W.H. Smith. "C'est la. vie," as they say in the Balls Pond Road. On Saturday, on the way out, I

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SPENDING STRATEGY

The public expenditure White Paper published by the Government yesterday should act as a cautionary tale for the Chancellor, Mr John Major, as he prepares his Budget. The rise in spending of £5.5 billion compared with the plans set out for 1990-91 this time last year will clearly make it more difficult to achieve the prudent fiscal policy which is needed to buttress monetary policy and bring down

In the Government's defence it should be noted that the rise in spending does not fully accommodate the rise in inflation since the earlier plans were set out. Public spending next year is still expected to turn out at 39 per cent of total spending in the economy. That is higher than this year only because with inflation higher than expected spending in the economy has been higher and public spending therefore lower as a proportion.

By allocating more money to priority programmes such as health and roads the Government has also maximized the political return on its investment. Though a Conservative Government can never hope - nor should it attempt - to trump Labour by promising higher public spending, its favoured programmes are for the most part well chosen and should help to soothe public demands.

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Nevertheless ministers cannot afford to be complacent about present trends. After several successful years in which spending turned out lower than expected and fell as a proportion of national income the present situation is less satisfactory. Not only is spending expected to rise next year as a proportion of the economy, it is creeping up above the planning total in the current year. According to the White Paper this year's outturn is now expected to be £1.36 billion above the original plans, a rather larger excess than forecast at the time of the autumn

Much of the overrun is, as ever, a reflection of higher spending than expected by the local authorities. That may change with the introduction of the community charge in April which should exert greater local accountability. But the City is uneasy that by redefining public spending from next year, and excluding councils' locally financed spending, the Government is evading its responsibilities and may allow spending to surge out of control. In that context the overrun on local spending this year is not reassuring.

Although these thoughts are bound to be uppermost in people's minds as the Budget approaches, the importance of the White Paper lies more in what it tells us about the supply side of the public sector than in overall totals and trends. Following the changes introduced by the Treasury in the past two years, egged on by the Treasury Select Committee, the White Paper is now both less important and more important than it used to be in the Government's publication calendar.

It is less important as an indicator of macroeconomic policy because all the detail is now contained in the Chancellor's autumn statement. It is more important because by splitting the chapters of the former publication into separate volumes and expanding them there is more opportunity to provide a comprehensive view not only of what a department is spending but also of what it is buying.

Among many performance indicators scattered through the 21 chapters is, for instance, the information that the Inland Revenue's cost per employee on income tax cases has fallen in real terms between 1985-86 and 1988-89 from £13.07 to £12.36. This is a useful piece of management accounting which tells us more than the information in many other programmes that targets have been exceeded by such-and-such. But without some indication of the quality of service it is still incomplete.

Undoubtedly there is still a long way to go before the White Paper achieves an ideal form. Departmental inertia is considerable and the vested interests of politicians and Civil Servants in presenting a favourable report on their activities must be recognized. Irritatingly for her colleagues but fortunately for the taxpayer, the present Prime Minister has an unprecedented interest in good management in government. It is important that the public expenditure White Paper is both well written and well read if value for money is to become more than a slogan.

WHERE POTSDAM LEFT OFF

Those who have followed the evolution of Mikhail Gorbachov's thinking on the German question will not have been surprised by his seemingly abrupt admission yesterday that, "in principle, no one puts (German reunification) in doubt." Such a gambit has looked ever more likely during the two years since, in conversa-tion with the late Franz Josef Strauss, Mr Gorbachov dropped the first hint by affirming his belief that the Germans were "one nation". Last June, the Soviet leader came to Bonn to affirm the right of all peoples, including the Germans, to decide their own destinies.

His new strategy amounts to nothing less than an abandonment of Soviet support for a separate German Democratic Republic, in favour of a reversion to Stalin's policy, which aimed at detaching Germany from the Western camp and the Americans from Europe. At the time of Stalin's celebrated note of 1952, 'idenaner persuaded Washington to reject the offer of German unity at the price of neutrality; Churchill was more inclined to accept.

Nearly three momentous months after the opening of the Berlin Wall, and with the East German communist leader, Herr Gysi, joining virtually the entire spectrum of opposition in declaring himself for reunification, it would be unrealistic for a Soviet leader to seek to prevent the healing of the livid scar which has run across the heart of Europe since 1945. But it is likely that he will not let East Germany, the chief factor in Soviet military strategy, slip out of his grasp, except at a price.

What that price might be, the West does not yet know. Hitherto, the obsession of the West, no less than the East, with arms control has left more profound political questions in the shade. But if Mr Gorbachov himself is in no doubt that "it is necessary to act responsibly and not decide this important question on the streets", then it should be a matter of urgency

for problems to be faced soon by all the interested powers. This raises the possibility of some organized negotiation.

The German question is a European problem. Only by conceding to the Germans the peace treaty which never followed the Second World War, and in which the emerging democracies of central Europe also have an interest, can that problem be resolved. The voices which were absent from the Potsdam conference, the nearest that Europe came to such a treaty, must now be heard. That means not only the voices of the Germans but of the Poles, Czechs and French.

The German people alone have the right to decide on the principles which a unified state would incorporate into its new constitution. Few East Germans seem averse to the extension to themselves of a system closely resembling, if not identical with, the present Federal Republic. There would be no grounds for other countries to object to this; and no grounds for the Germans to arouse unnecessary anxieties by refusing to give reasonable constitutional guarantees to their neighbours.

Ouite apart from the specific problem of Berlin and the residual sovereign rights of the occupying powers, the political orientation of a united Germany is a legitimate concern of all Europeans. Bonn and its allies therefore need to determine the best structure in which various concerns can be expressed and

The four-power machinery is clearly not the suitable vehicle. A suggestion has been aired that the four powers should become six to discuss the future, with the addition of both German governments. Such a conference could perhaps be formally established as a section of a broader debate undertaken in the CSCE (Conference on security and cooperation in Europe).

TRADESMEN BEWARE

The conviction of an electrician for manslaughter in Maidstone Crown Court yesterday has extended the criminal law into areas which most people had assumed were beyond its reach. Many a jobbing tradesman will have to rethink his attitude in the light of it.

Those who are conscientious and properly trained will have nothing to fear, of course; but those who have made a living out of shoddy work are henceforth on notice that they are answerable to a judge and jury, and if seriously at fault, at risk of a prison sentence.

As a result of this case, furthermore, they are on notice that any failure to take a customer's subsequent complaint of their workmanship seriously could also - if death resulted - bring them within the reach of the criminal law. It is a pity that serious injury not resulting in death is not also similarly covered; there is a need for some offence roughly equivalent to "attempted manslaughter," or causing serious injury by

The law of involuntary manslaughter has long been a difficult area. The offence consists, essentially, of causing death by gross negligence. The offence is not defined by statute. and the courts have had to rely on a series of judicial interpretations. In a sense this works in favour of the public, for no one can be sure in advance where the line will be drawn in a new case, and of how much negligence amounts to

"22OTS The leading cases down the years have shown a gradual sharpening and refining of the legal definition, especially concerning the degree of negligence that is required to justify a conviction. Lawyers will be particularly interested in the unusual circumstances of the Maidstone case, for it was a classic piece of bad workmanship which led to the tragic death of an innocent man.

Mr Stephen Holloway, a self-employed electrician, installed the electrical side of a central heating system. Unfortunately a live wire was connected to the domestic pipework by mistake. Members of the household complained of severe shocks, but when called back to attend to them, Mr Holloway repeatedly put the shocks down to static electricity and declared the system safe. Eventually Mr Nicholas French, grandson of the householder, was electrocuted when he touched the metal kitchen sink while standing in his socks on a damp floor. Afterwards it took the electricity board less than half an hour to trace the fault.

Mr Holloway's criminal negligence, for which he received a suspended nine months' jail sentence, consisted not merely in the initial wrong connection but in his failure to take the complaints seriously enough to discover the original fault by adequate testing. Whether the first act would alone have been sufficient to support a charge of manslaughter was not resolved, though it bears a striking resemblance to the mistake which led to the Clapham train disaster, which is also to be the subject of manslaughter prosecutions.

A skilled man should have had little difficulty in telling the difference between static electricity and a live connection once he had taken the householders' complaints seriously enough to consider the point. Simple tests would have confirmed it. But householders are at the mercy of anyone with - or claiming - expertise in a technical area. They are entitled to assume he knows what he is talking about. In future any tradesman who covers his ignorance with bluff or his indifference with smooth assurances should remember that he could find himself in prison.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Landscape rent by wind and storm Value for money on TV franchise

register.

Increasingly, historic land-

scapes have come to be seen as a

much-valued part of our heritage

and it is essential that the funds and effort made in 1987, for which

many landowners and the nation

as a whole have had cause to be grateful, should be supplemented

to deal with this latest blow to our

Yours faithfully, MAVIS BATEY, President,

West House, Barrack Lane, Aldwick, West Sussex.

From the Earl of Limerick

The Garden History Society.

landscape heritage.

January 29.

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From Mr Alan Morriss Sir. The devastation suffered by this estate during the hutricane of 1987 was so great that British Telecom used a photograph taken during their valiant efforts to restore our service in their brochure. We were regaled with statements by various Govern-ment ministers about all the help that would be given to restore the English countryside.

Yet, despite our loss of some 10,000-15,000 trees in the heart of Ashdown Forest, many of great beauty and antiquity, we never qualified for a grant — apparently because we are a privately-owned, non-commercial estate, with no

Ironically, two days before this last storm struck, we carried out a rough survey, and concluded that this year would see the end of the clearing up operation and that we could concentrate on our replanting efforts.

Now it has happened again, and many of the lovely trees which withstood the hurricane have gone. Again we hear the same vacuous promises from Govern-ment ministers. We will just have to carry on on our own, as before,

However, your leading article, "Storms and scapegoats" (January 27), raises the interesting point that this sort of weather may be what we can expect for the foreseeable future. Does the Government know something that we do not, and believe that there is no point in replanting? Yours faithfully ALAN MORRISS

Pippingford Park

From the President of the Garden History Society Sir, It is indeed a tragedy that, once again, our historic landscapes such as Stonor Park in Oxfordshire and Mount Edg-cumbe in Cornwall, both given Grade I status on English Heritage's register of parks and gar-dens of special historic interest, have suffered such devastating storm damage. After the 1987 great storm English Heritage introduced a scheme of grants for those historic parks and gardens judged to be of "outstanding" historic importance by its gardens committee and additional staff were appointed to assist the

applications. Excellent leaflets are still available from English Heritage, Room 314, Fortress House, 23 Savile Row, WIX 2HE, instructing landowners and agents how to make applications for storm damage grants for restoration schemes. Task Force Trees, a special unit set up by the Countryside Com-mission following the storm, also

gardens inspector in dealing with

Crisis in Caucasus From Dr Metin Kunt

Sir, Whatever the merits of the Armenian claim to Highland Karabakh, it is astonishing that C. J. Walker ("Moscow's blind eye to njustice", January 23) ends with allegations against and demands from the Turkish Republic, in spite of the fact that the present conflict in the Caucasus does not involve Turkey at all.

Neither the settlement of the Armenian demand from Azerbaijan nor the resolution of national and political aspirations of the peoples of the Caucasus would warrant repetition of the unproven charge of genocide during the First World War. While it is true and regrettable that hundreds of thousands of Armenians perished in the process of forced resettlement in wartime conditions, many more civilian Turks died of disease and famine.

The Ottoman state had been guilty of wholesale massacres of Turks in the sixteenth and seven-

Fund for East Europe From Mr Tom Spencer, MEP for Surrey West (European Democrat (Conservative))

Sir, The £15 million European Democracy Fund (report, January 29), although proposed by Christian Democrats and Conservatives in the European Parliament, was not designed for centre right groups only, but for any party or group legitimately contesting elections in Eastern Europe which can demonstrate a need for material asgistance.

The ruling parties in these countries still control the means to fight elections. The proposed fand would re-

emble the US Congress National Endowment for Democracy, a bipartisan non-governmental scheme to support democratic movements.

Yours etc. TOM SPENCER, Thornfalcon House, Northchapel, West Sussex.

Entente cordiale From Mr Jonathan Benthall

Sir, Lord Weidenfeld argues persuasively (article, January 19) that the excellent record of the West German Government, and the good will of the younger generation of Germans, deserve considerable trust. However, does this not need to be balanced by closer bilateral relations between Britain and France, within the wider EC framework? These two nations, whose past and potential contributions to the world need no underlining, are now each at risk of being marginalized.

Britain and France resemble two competitive siblings who exaggerate their cultural differences while being similar in fundamental ways, and who need a major threat from outside to present a united front. If the threat today is mainly economic it is none the less serious. The United States' apparent loss of confidence in its role gives a new opportunity for leadership. It is surprising that our politicians do not do more to argue this case.

Vours faithfully. JONATHAN BENTHALL 212 Hammersmith Grove, W6. January 19.

parks on the English Heritage From Lord Thomson of Monifieth and others

Sir, As the last three chairmen of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, we are naturally proud of the fact that for the last 35 years, under successive acts of Parliament, Independent Television has provided viewers in Britain with the unique achievement of a public broadcasting system of quality, yet wholly commercially financed. We plead that Parliament, in the new Broadcasting Bill, will pre-serve that distinctive quality.

We welcome the fact that between publication of the White Paper and the Bill the Government showed a willingness to make changes, and that ministers have since said they may be ready Sir, Mr Prichard Jones (January 29) remarks that he has yet to see a to consider further amendments in response to reasoned arguments.

fallen Wellingtonia. Alas, I can show him one from my magnifi-cent double avenue, which mea-sured its full 130-foot length along the ground on January 25. It succumbed to a south-westerly gust, although its roots had developed to resist gales from that In the October, 1987, hurricane Independent Television Commission.

two of these trees snapped off about 40 feet up, with wind from the south. Northerly gales in 1988 took the tops from three more, all discernibly cracked from 1987.

The other Californian redwood. the Sequoia sempervirens of the coastal regions, is much more vulnerable both to snapping and uprooting, but unlike the Wellingtonia it shoots again freely even from a fallen stump.

Other species succumbing last week which had survived 1987 included cypresses, maples and eucalyptus (the larch had virtually all gone). The remaining hard-woods stood better without their leaves. The tentative conclusion is that in the face of such ferocious winds the age and leaf-state of a tree may be more significant than its type. Yours faithfully,

LIMERICK, Chiddinglye, West Hoathly, East Grinstead, Sussex, January 29.

From Dr R. P. Fernando Sir, Following the recent storm, engineers from several electricity boards have been sent to areas which have incurred the greatest damage to power lines. It is doubtful whether such co-operation will be possible following privatiza-tion, when the area boards will become separate, private-sector, companies. Consumers will inevitably face further disruption to their electricity supplies.

The nation would be welladvised to pray that such storms do not recur. Yours truly, ROHANTHA P. FERNANDO, 19 Danetree Close. Ewell, Surrey.

leenth centuries, but so far as I know nobody claims Ottoman genocide against Turks in this

century. How, then, can one explain the enormous wartime mortality among Turks if a similar mortality rate among Armenians justifies the charge of genocide? The fact that Mr Walker seeks

territorial compensation from Turkey is even more astonishing. Armenians did not constitute a najority in eastern Anatolia, even before the First World War, there are very few of them there now. What, then, is the justification for territorial concessions? European audiences should realize that such absurd demands on the part of Armenian propagandists make it very difficult for Turks to demonstrate proper regret over Armenian deaths three quarters of a century ago. Yours sincerely, METIN KUNT.

Cambridge University, Centre of Middle Eastern Studies, Sidgwick Avenue, Cambridge. January 23.

Where credit's due

From Mr Peter J. Sisam Sir, The technical credits that appear at the end of films have been with us a long time (letters, January 10,13,15,19,25). As a holder of a technician's union card I know the importance, especially for freelance workers, of some form of recognition. Is it not time that film producers and unions together worked out some more sensible form of recognition? The present one has become a joke,

and does no good to the industry.

How about a certificate of participation, approved by unions and management, to be given to each technician in a film or television programme, on completion of the production? It would be good to see our industry, which has frequently set high standards in the international media world, do so in this particular matter. PETER SISAM, Yours faithful

Halfacres, 3 Henley Road, Marlow, Buckinghamshire.

Amongst a number of matters of considerable concern in the Bill, we place particular importance on modifying the present proposal to allocate a commercial television contract to the highest bidder, albeit from a shoplist of those whose promises of programme quality have proved acceptable to the new

We believe that this will lead to a serious risk of over-bidding. The consequent financial pressures will result in reduced resources for programme making and in lower standards overall and endanger the provision of serious drama, documentaries and educational DIOGRAMMES.

if the Government are not prepared to accept some of the more radical alternatives that have been suggested to safeguard quality, we urge them at least to adopt the majority recommenda-tion of the Peacock committee that the ITC should have the right to decide that a company offering a lower price was giving more value for money in terms of public service, and accordingly award the franchise to them, while making a public statement of its reasons.
Yours faithfully,
GEORGE THOMSON
(Chairman, Independent Television
Authority, 1981-88),
BRIDGET PLOWDEN (1975-80),
HERBERT AYLESTONE (1967-75),

9 Cavendish Place, W1. From the Minister of State, Home Office

Sir, The letter from the chairman of Granada Television which appeared in your columns today about the Government's broad-

casting proposals is based in part on a misunderstanding. I wonder

if I might set the record straight. Mr Plowright says that the financial bid offered by applicants for Channel 3 licences will be "hidden in a sealed envelope" until after the licensing authority (the Independent Television Commis-sion) has decided whether the applicant has passed the required quality threshold. The ITC will therefore be unable, he says, to make any sensible assessment of the applicant's overall forward financial projections.

This is not so. Clause 15(2) of the Broadcasting Bill makes it clear that the applicant must give the ITC full information at the outset about his projected finan-cial position for the whole of the licence period. That information will necessarily include the financial bid which the applicant puts forward, as well as the revenue projections illustrating how that bid will be funded over the term of the licence.

It is true that the formal ranking of the financial bids takes place at subsequent stage of the licence allocation process. But that does not mean that the ITC is unable to satisfy itself before then that the bid is realistic in terms of the applicant's overall business plan.

More generally I take issue with Mr Plowright's assertion that our proposals subordinate quality programming to cash for the Treasury. The Bill provides a rigorous quality hurdle which applicants will have to jump convincingly before their financial bids are considered. Those who in Mr Plownght's words "brush against the top of the fence" run a serious risk of being adjudged to

have failed the quality test. To the extent that there are substantial quality differences between applicants who do clear the quality threshold - and I am not convinced that this will be a very frequent occurrence - the Bill already gives the ITC power to consider whether these constitute "exceptional circumstances" enabling them to override the highest financial bid in order to award the licence to an applicant offering a significantly higher quality of programming. Yours faithfully

DAVID MELLOR, Home Office, Queen Anne's Gate, SW1. January 30.

Arts research grants From the Secretary of the

Graduate Tutors' Committee, Cambridge University Sir, May I draw your readers' attention to the fact that research students in arts subjects, funded by the British Academy, are this year receiving maintenance awards which are £600 lower than those offered by the Science and Engineering Research Council and other major scientific research councils. In other words, the maintenance grant to a science graduate is £3,725 p.a., whereas it is only £3,125 p.a. to an arts

graduate. This seems hardly fair, especially in view of the fact that, in spite of having experienced an increase in applications, the British Academy, through lack of funding, has actually had to cut

for research students in both science and arts subjects we urse the Department of Education and Science to do all it can to redress this balance when it allots funding to the British Academy for the coming academic year. A studentship of £3,725 p.a. is

the number of its awards for this

academic year, 1989-90. As tutors

already well below the support provided by our competitors in other advanced societies. A studentship of £3,125 p.a. is positively pitiful. These students are tomorrow's university teachers; but on a grant such as this, some are unlikely even to survive Yours faithfully.

MARIE LOVATT, Secretary Graduate Tutors' Committee. University of Cambridge, Wolfson College, Cambridge.

Watchdog on health

From the Chairman of the Mental Health Act Commission Sir, Professor Seaser's important letter (January 23), in indicating the way forward for the maintenance and development of an inspectorial system for health care. services, omits to mention the role of the Mental Health Act Commission in monitoring the care and treatment of people with mental health problems.

The commission has a statutory obligation to keep under review the care and treatment of people detained or liable to be detained under the Mental Health Act

1983. It regularly visits all those hospitals (both NHS and private) containing detained patients, and meets with social service departments, as well as investigating complaints that fall within its remit from detained patients and

Every two years the commission publishes a report of its activities; the third biennial report was published in December, 1989. Yours etc. LOUIS BLOM-COOPER,

Chairman, Mental Health Act Commission, Room 22, Hepburn House, Marsham Street, SW1. January 25.

Cambridge agency

From Councillor David Howarth Sir, You report today (January 23) that Mr Rhodes-James, MP, is "furious" about the decision of Cambridge City Council's environment committee to oppose the siting of the European Environmental Agency in Cambridge. The decision is indeed a bizarre one. It is motivated by a potent mixture of sheer parochialism and anti-European and anti-intellectual feeling.

Mr Rhodes-James should direct his fury, however, not only against the Labour majority on Cambridge Council, but also against his own local Conservative colleagues, since it was they who began the attack on bringing the Environmental Agency to Cambridge in the first place. In fact, only the Liberal Democrats support the proposal.

The issue is important both for its own sake, and also because it illustrates the deep divisions on Europe that affect the Labour and Conservative parties, right down to local level.

We in Cambridge are witnessing, on a small scale, the dire consequences of the two-party system, for neither the governing nor the opposing party can offer a coherent policy on the two great issues of the day, Europe and the environment

Yours faithfully, DAVID HOWARTH. Clare College, Cambridge. January 23.

Middle of the road? From Mr David Yorke Sir, The Reverend D. Humphries'

filing system (January 22) which places "Anglicanism" between "Angels" and "Anxiety" is logical. However a more ecclesiastical system would no doubt put "Man" below "Angels" and "Woman (virtuous)" above "Rubies". Yours faithfully. DAVID YORKE. Holford Manor, North Chailey, Sussex.

From Mr Gordon Hobbs Sir, Mr Justice Sheen (January 26) should be reassured that in Halsbury's Laws of England (4th edition, reissue) "Barristers" no longer appears between "Bankruptcy" and "Betting". However, might I refer him to the sequence in Volume 13: "Discovery"; "Distress": "Divorce"? Yours faithfully. GORDON HOBBS (Editor, Halsbury's Laws of England), Butterworths Law Publishers Ltd.,

From Mr Charles Sussex Sir. Mr Justice Sheen may derive assistance from the former edition of Halsbury's Laws of England (the third), where "Barristers" were placed between "Bankruptcy" and "Bastardy". Yours faithfully, CHARLES SUSSEX. 2 Essex Court, Temple, EC4.

88 Kingsway, WC2.

January 26.

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Dutch treat for British schools

How are Dutch teachers preparing to

help tackle the crisis in our

classrooms? Douglas Broom reports

relief worker. She is 21, just out of college, and heading for Britain to help solve a crisis that threatens the education of thousands of children in London and the south-east.

Although she has never had a full-time teaching job in her native Amsterdam, and her experience of Britain is limited to a week spent in Milton Keynes five years ago, veen wants to take on one of the most demanding jobs in teaching. If she is successful, she will fly to London in a few weeks' time to take up a teaching post in Hounslow, a deprived and racially trouble borough close to Heathrow airport.

But unlike the 60 Dutch teachers recruited to help plug London's chronic teacher shortages last September, Veen is not entirely unprepared: she is one of the first graduates of a new course at the University of Amsterdam designed to give recruits from The Netherlands some idea of what

they are coming to.

Judith Burdell, one of the
English tutors on the 10-day
course, says that many of the first intake were shocked at the con-trasts between the formal Dutch education system, where all schools follow a national curriculum, and the more progressive teaching methods favoured in London. In addition to the problems of having to work in a foreign language all day, many had difficulty coping with a situation in which they were simply given a timetable, and told to devise their

Professor Chris Mullard, Professor of Education and Ethnic Studies at Amsterdam University, is critical of the methods used by the Inner London Education Authority to recruit the first wave of Dutch teachers last summer. Finding itself short of more than 1,000 teachers, the Labour-controlled authority resorted to a "press-gang" approach, with the result that recruitment was "unprofessional in the extreme", he says. His "grave concerns" prompted him to set up Euroselect, the consultancy which now runs the Amsterdam course.

Mullard, a pioneer of "anti-racist education", had particular worries. "We initiated this because we were very upset by the initial foray by Ilea, which recruited almost only white teachers. Forty per cent of schools in Amsterdam have significant numbers of black children in them. We also have a considerable number of black teachers, but Ilea did not appear to look at them.

The formation of Euroselect was prompted by a desire to base crisis recruitment on "a firm ethical basis". If Dutch teachers are going to predominantly black schools in London, Mullard asks, would it not help if they too were

His approach seems to have won support from Labour and Conservative education authorities alike. Dea was one of the first to sign up for Euroselect's services. Although the authority, due to be abolished in nine weeks, has now halted its recruitment drive, Euroselect is working for outer London boroughs such as Hounslow and Newham, as well as Essex, Berkshire, Kent and Liverpool.

There is no shortage of applicants. The Netherlands has 3,000 unemployed teachers, the result of a system of higher education that lacks Britain's checks on the supply of graduates. particularly teachers. Any Dutch pupil who gains the equivalent of



Trainee task force: (from left) Netty Terborg, Win Castermans and Marga Veen, three of Euroselect's teacher recruits who are currently undergoing the 10-day preparation course

one A level is guaranteed a place at university or college. And, until recently, there were no restrictions on the number of students who could apply to train as teachers.

The British Government's decision last year to recognize the teaching qualifications of all European Community teachers opened the way to Continental recruitment drives to ease teacher short-age at home. The Netherlands' special attraction derives from the fact that it has an abundant supply of qualified teachers who speak English. The country's position in the entrepot of Europe has created a business culture which demands multilingualism and a truly European outlook. English, the language of international commerce. is the nation's second language, taught to all schoolchildren.

Euroselect has 500 Dutch teachers on its computerized application list, largely as a result of Applicants go through three screening sessions before being offered to local authorities, who pay the £1,250-a-head cost of the 10-day course. Only those who seem almost certain of making the grade get to start the course.

fler a period of intensive study of the English education system, from examinations to teaching techniques, they are assessed by the course tutors and, if they pass muster, a certificate is awarded.

Trouble is taken to ensure that nothing about the English system takes the students - mostly experienced teachers, although some, like Veen, are fresh from teacher training college - by surprise. On Monday Burdell was introducing the eight students on the latest course to "the carpet", a vital feature of the English primary school classroom. Several

heads were scratched as she explained that a corner of the room is carpeted and cut off from the rest of the class by bookshelves or cupboards. The carpet is a refuge for teacher and pupils alike.

Trudy Rood, from Lutjebrook, north of Amsterdam, was less baffled than the others; she has spent four years teaching infants at her local village school, "We did not have the carpet, but I see what the idea means. We are used to using textbooks so the projectbased approach will be very different, but I think it is exciting to do something different," she says.

"I think it is an advantage that English is not our first language because, from what we have been told, it is not the first language of some children in the schools where we will be going."

Veen, who has spent six months as a supply teacher, is very keen to return to England. "I love children and I liked England," she says.

Sonia Giersthove is from Surinam, where she spent 20 years teaching primary age pupils. Although she fears that her English may need some polishing, she has no fears about multi-cultural Britain. "Surinam is a multi-cultural society. I think going to England is a challenge because if you are a teacher you want to teach all kinds of children." Ravi Rabeenthiran is some-

thing of an exception to the general rule. A Tamil from Sri Lanka, he sought political asylum in The Netherlands and has just been granted Dutch citizenship. He spent 14 years as a teacher in his native country before being driven out by the internal war. Now he hopes to resume his

teaching career in Hounslow. "I know it is not going to be easy," he says. "But I have worked with the English and you cannot allow your life to come to a halt. I

want to get back to my own job

and there is no chance of doing that here."

The extent of the job shortage at home is demonstrated by Win Castermans, who has been unable to teach since qualifying eight years ago. He believes that coming to London will change all that. "If you can say that you have worked in England it will be much easier. to get a job here," he says. "And it is exciting to do something you have never done before."

None of the students on the course lacked enthusiasm, and all seemed to share Mullard's belief that the exchange of teachers could help bring Europe closer together. He wants Euroselect to spread its area of operations to embrace the whole of the EC.

In the meantime, though, with 1,288 unfilled teaching vacancies in London alone, he has his work cut out helping to put Dutch teachers in front of English classes to prevent pupils being sent home.

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The solicitor who auctioned the kidnapped baby story to the tabloid Press is a

with 'blood that

boils easily'

Solicitor Simonetta Hornby's first reaction to the telephone call which woke her on Saturday morning was: "Are they my clients? Don't they know I'm convalescing?" Nearing the end of a three-month convalescence period following a hysterectomy, Hornby had not been paying much attention to the case of the Sicilian mother missing baby which had been dominating the media. Now, on the day after the

baby was found, she was being asked to represent Alexandra's parents, Dawn Griffiths and Jeffrey Harris, in their negotiations to sell their story to the tabloid Press. No. I did not jump out of

bed," says the woman described by the media as "the fasttalking, pipe-smoking solicitor" scathingly. "I prepared myself for the job. I tried to learn as much as I could about the case while I was waiting for the minicab. I tried to find

out what one does in that sort of circumstance." What she actually did was to read the morning paper and discuss the matter with her partner, Marcia Levy, before seating herself behind the negotiating table at St Thomas's Hospital and auctioning her clients' story. It is not an expression she much likes. "I was instructed by my clients to deal with various offers they had received prior to my involvement," she says

None the less, she admits that she was delighted with her achievement in selling the story for a reputed £75,000 to the News of the World. "Id certainly never done anything like it before. It was an entirely new departure for me." It is not, however, an activity she sees herself repeating: "How many solicitors end up selling stories to the newspapers?" The 44-year-old Sicilianborn child-care solicitor is

accustomed to representing parents who have been accused of sexually abusing their children. mothers whose children have been taken from them, children who have been taken into care. Mostly, she does legal aid work. "I'm in-

terested in children because I been lunching at the Reform have two of my own," she says. She points out that Sicilian mothers' lives tend to revolve around their children. She doubts whether she will return to Sicily, where her fam-ily still lives; "I expect I shall go wherever my boys go." Her boys are George, aged 19, who is at Bristol University,

'I have been their home in smoking a Dulwich, in south-east Lonpipe for 27 don. She and her economist years and I husband, Marbought this tin, separated five years ago. one for £15 in dark, dynamic the City. It's a - a typical Sicrubbish pipe' ilian, according to the Italian

woman with whom she had Club, "never lukewarm about anything. Her blood boils easily." She already had an Italian law degree when she came to Britain to learn English. She studied in America, returned to England to marry, and then lived for two years in Zambia, where her

husband was working. "I got a

She is small,

17, who is at firm of solicitors, where I school near suppose I learnt law and social services. I was very successful. I used to tell the debtors how little they could get away with and when I left the job I told them, 'Don't pay anything!' "
She and Martin settled in

Oxford, "had the children one after another and I decided to become a lawyer. I was advised by everybody to become a solicitor because I was a foreigner and a woman, and so I did." She did her articles in a City firm but found that she was too far away from her boys, "so one day I decided to be a mother and got a job with the London borough of Lambeth as a child-care solicitor". In 1972 she and Levy set up

their partnership on the top floor of the Hornbys' house, moving to rented accommodation before buying their

current offices. She claims that she is not

ambitious, but "my sister says that I am". If Hornby has any ambitions, they are to "see greater respect given to the relationship between parents and children. I don't think I have got terribly personal

ambitions. I like to enjoy life." She says she was not con-cerned by the tartly unsympathetic reaction of the Sunday newspapers, who were deprived of their happy reunion quotes by her deal with the News of the World. "I told my clients that they should expect that and I expected it." She was much more upset by "the newspapers' stupidity at getting so excited about my pipe. I really got cross about that, but then I realized that not many people smoke a pipe. I have been smoking one for 27 years and I bought this:

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sary the jewellery designer Cobra & Bellamy has produced a special, numbered edition, solid-silver charm bracelet and matching necklace featuring 14 hallmarked charms, which are replicas of its 14 most successful earring designs to date. The bracelet costs £390, the necklace £430, but Times readers can order either item for £10 off from Cobra & Bellamy, 149 Sloane Street, London SW1 (01-730) 2823) where samples will be on display from this week (produce this cutting to obtain the discount).

The pieces will also be available soon from Liberty of Regent Street and the Joseph shop at 26 Sloane Street, London SW1.

Image boost

Joanna Foster, chair of the Equal Opportunities Commission, will introduce a oneday "Present a Professional Image Seminar" on Saturday April 7, hosted by Good Housekeeping magazine in association with the Industrial Society. Details and a ticket application coupon are in the Return to Work Handbook, free with the current issue of Good Housekeeping. Numbers are limited to 60 delegates at the £15 event (which includes lunch), so early booking is essential. There will be counselling and workshop sessions, and the event has been



put together with the guidance of the Industrial Society's Pepperell Unit and Reed

Quote me . . .



"Most of us women like men. you know. It's just that we find them a constant disappoint-Clare Short, MP

A good label

"Sick building syndrome" could become as extinct as smallpox if the Building Research Establishment's new 'green label' scheme takes off. The BRE is exploring the possibility of an "environmental assessment for buildings, encompassing internal and external 'environments". The green label would be made available to developers who pay to have their buildings assessed at the design

stage, and the assessors would check on, for example, carbon dioxide and other noxious emissions, and the presence of CFCs in materials and air-Initially the scheme will

apply only to offices and supermarkets, but the BRE predicts that "environmental labelling for other types of buildings are likely to follow".

Weaker sex?

As the question of whether or not contemporary titles should be allowed to pass through the female line is being debated, a new book on warrior queens and noble ladies of the Middle Ages could offer some timely enlightenment about earlier precedents.

"Women who ruled", "women who prayed", "women who toiled" and "women as healers and mystics" are explored in A Small Sound of the Trumpet: Women in Mediaeval Life, a scholarly work by Margaret Wade Labarge (Hamish Hamilton, £9.99).

She makes little distinction between queens regnant and consort, lumping the mouldbreaking Matilda in with Eleanor of Aquitaine and other strong-willed royal wives, and concentrating on anecdote more than analysis. But her tales of such women as Adela of Blois (daughter of William the Conqueror and wife of Stephen of Blois), who ruled the roost while her husband frittered away his energies on crusades, are inspirational and

often amusing. Victoria McKee

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

Striving for justice in camera

Imagine watching a video recording of a four-year-old girl demonstrating, with the use of dolls, how her father sexually abused her, and it is difficult to see how any jury could not be swayed by the evidence before its eyes. But how reliable is such evidence?

How suggestible are young children to. being persuaded to say what one parent, pitted against another in a custody battle, wants them to say?

During the next two months these issues will be the subject of heated debate in the wake of radical proposals put forward last month by a Home Office committee on juvenile evidence. The committee, chaired by Judge Thomas Pigot, recommended that, for the first time in this country, evidence given on video by children and other vulnerable witnesses, such as victims of rape - should be

admissible in court.

The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children believes that more than 40,000 children are at risk in Britain from abuse or neglect, a figure which doubled be-tween 1983 and 1987. The number at risk from specific sexual abuse has increased twelvefold; 6,700 were added to the child abuse register in

1988 alone.

Yet children rarely appear in court, not only because of the trauma involved, but also because the law

Should a jury trust the evidence of a child? Alex Sutherland investigates

The result is that genuine cases are conducted by Professor Graham dropped.

Davies, head of the psychology

Last year Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, set up a pilot scheme enabling children to give evidence outside the court, via closed-circuit television. But the first when the alleged victim, aged 13, remained silent in front of the camera, and the judge directed the jury to acquit the defendant.

The Pigot committee recom-mended that two video recordings be made - one as soon after the event as possible, and another, which would take the form of a pre-trial out-ofcourt hearing in the presence of the judge and both the prosecuting and defending lawyers, to be admissible as evidence at the eventual trial.

The committee said children should be interviewed under strictly controlled circumstances, in the presence of a social worker or psychiatrist, but also made provision for defence lawyers to cross-examine witnesses

during the pre-trial hearing.

But the problem of children's reliability cannot be ignored. In Britain a report published last month

department at the University of Leicester, sought to show that there is no reason to suspect children will lie

or fantasize about sexual abuse. But scepticism has grown in the United States, where some states accept video recordings as evidence. Children are no longer as readily believed as they once were, partly as a result of studies which showed that witnesses, particularly younger ones, can be influenced by biased interro-gators, and partly because of the vindictive use of offspring in settling divorce cases.

The battle over Hilary Foretich, the subject of a 40 Minutes documentary tomorrow night on BBC2, is a case in point. Hilary's mother, Dr Elizabeth Morgan, a prominent plastic surgeon from Washington, DC, served more than two years in jail for contempt of court charges after refusing to reveal Hilary's whereabouts. Morgan accuses Dr Eric Foretich, Hilary's father, of having sexually abused the little girl having sexually abused the little girl now aged seven — ever since he was granted visting rights when she was a few months old

He vehemently denies the charges

reached opposing conclusions on whether abuse had taken place.

The truth may never be known. But one central factor in the case is that a video recording of Hilary, initiated by Morgan but made in the presence of a social worker and therapist, was not

allowed to be shown in court.

It is difficult to imagine that the recordings - which are included in tomorrow's programme, and which show Hilary demonstrating with dolls how she was abused — would not have had some bearing on the judge's

Nevertheless, Foretich claims they are the result of coaching by a woman

on the brink of insanity. John Spencer, a lecturer in criminal procedure and evidence at Cambridge University, who gave evidence to the Pigot committee, believes that the reliability factor is not the most important issue. "Even if there is a risk of evidence being unreliable, that does not mean you don't consider it at all," he says, pointing to examples of forensic evidence which are often

The NSPCC feels the Pigot reforms are long overdue, and sees the introduction of video-recorded evidence as an "absolute priority in establishing children's rights".

Hilary's in Hiding will be sho tomorrow on BBC2 at 9.30pm.



Beware the cowboy in a builder's hat

Home owners who bargain with the baddies risk more than a shoddy job

t is only in the old westerns that the baddies wear black hats. Most people cannot instantly tell the modern cowboy from the genuine builder, plumber or electrician. He looks and sounds the same and can also be found in the Yellow Pages.

The cowboy thrives on a simple human weakness: few prices are lower because, he says, he does not bother with VAT or membership of a trade association. Nor does he need training: it is legal for anyone with a bag of tools to trician, plumber or builder.

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his skills fall short of his claims, and sometimes the results can be tragic.

This was demonstrated by the case of Nicholas French, who died as a result of a wiring error. The electrician had been called back to the house twice because pipework, radiators and the metal

sink Were "live", but he failed to notice that the circuitbreaker was faulty and the were not earthed properly.

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This was not a simple case of an nowary householder employing a cowboy. This electrician, who was convicted

of manslaughter and sentenced to nine months in prison, suspended for two years, was subcontracted by the central heating installer.

According to the Office of Fair Trading (OFT), it is important, when signing contracts, that householders check whether subcontractors are to be used, and who is liable if things go wrong. What else can you do to

protect yourself against the unscrupulous or incompetent

John Corfield, of the Institute of Trading Standards Administration, says: "We advise people not to accept the first quote, but to shop around. Ask neighbours and friends or the contractor for a recommendation. Find out if he is a member of a trade association. It can make it easier to get redress if things

"If he is not a member, and the value of the work involved is less than £500, you can go to a small claims court, which is much less formal than other courts. Above £500 you have to go through a normal county

Corfield welcomes the growing trend for trade associations to offer guarantees that the job will be finished, even if the original contractor goes bust. Central heating is covered by one such free scheme, offered by the 1,200 members of the Heating and Ventilating Contractors' Association. It also provides the free services of another contractor should the first fail to honour his or her obligations. However, the scheme does not cover errors by subcontracted workers, such

In the risk-prone building

industry, guarantees can be purchased for an extra 1 per cent of the building costs. from a trust set up by the Building Employers' Confederation (BEC). It estimates that about 40,000 people a year suffer from shoddy workmanship and conmen.

The scheme includes a conciliation service, an arbitof us can resist a bargain. His ration scheme if conciliation proves unsuccessful, and a guarantee that the work will be completed by another builder if the first contractor goes out of business. The minimum fee to register with the scheme is £20, and work is covered up to the value of £100,000. Enrolment would add £100 to the cost of a £10,000

> run such schemes can be on 0622 683791.

The Federation of Master Builders (FMB) has a similar scheme in which, for an extra I per cent of the

costs, work up to the value of 'Speculative £150,000 can be builders covered. The guarantee is for will try to two years, aithough cover save £50 five years in the on wiring structural de a £50,000 fects. The BEC and FMB warranties also cover errors

house'

The National Inspection Council for Electrical Installation and Contracting (NICEIC) has strict rules about electricians using its initials after their names. It is not a trade association but a public watchdog. Its inspectors check the work of those enrolled in the scheme at least once a year, and will help

resolve disputes. John Stockting, technical director of the NICEIC, says most public authorities and big employers now use enrolled electricians. "The exceptions are the speculative house-builders, who tend to look at the cheapest possible price. They will try to save £50

on wiring a £50,000 house. "But another cowboy in this business is the DIY householder. Some of the most dangerous work of all cmanates from that area, and while the public are able to buy the electrical bits from most DIY stores, there is no

way of stopping it." The Office of Fair Trading has produced a model contract which could be used as a basis for agreement between householders and tradesmen. It has been sent to trade associations and consumer protection bodies.

Meanwhile, unhappy customers whose find their complaints are falling on deaf ears should contact their local trading standards (or consumer protection) officer and/or the contractor's trade

Free copies of the OFT home improvements booklet can be obtained from OFT Publishing, Room 306, Field House, Breams Building, London EC4A 1PR.

Ann Kent





COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE January 30: The Queen and The Hussey as Duke of Edinburgh left Heath-row Airport, London this afternoon in a British Airways TriStar for their visit to New

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received on ar-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth rival at the airport by the Earl of The Queen Mother. Airlie (The Lord Chamberlain), Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Greater London (Field Marshall the Lord Bramall), His Excellency Mr Bryce Harland (High Commissioner for New Zealand), the Lord King of Wartnaby (Chairman, British Airways plc), Mr Michael King (Managing Director, Airports
Division CAA) and Mr Alan YORK HOUSE
Proctor (Managing Director, ST JAMESS PALACE

Heathrow Aurport). The following are in atten-dance: The Duchess of Grafton, the Hon Mary Morrison, the Right Hon Sir William Hesel-tine, Sir Kenneth Scott, Mr Robin Janvrin, Surgeon Captain Norman Blacklock, Air Com-

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, as Royal Patron of the Chindits Old Comrades Association, will hold a reception for the Chindit Memorial Appeal at Kensington Palace at 6.30.

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the London Symphony Chorus, will attend a concert at the Festival Hall at 7.25.

The Queen of The Netherlands celebrates her birthday today.

Birthdays today

Professor Sir Eric Ash, rector, Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, 62; Lieutenant Commander Sir Richard Buckley, former royal equerry, 62; Mr Christopher Chataway, company director, former athlete and MP, 59; Mr Robert Chatworthy, sculptor, 62: Robert Clatworthy, sculptor, 62; Mr Phil Collins, rock singer, Mr Phil Collins, rock singer, drummer and actor, 39; Lord Nicholas Gordon Lennox, diplomat, 59; Air Marshal Sir Christopher Hartley, 77; Air Commodore Lord Harvey of Prestbury, 84; Air Marshal Sir John Kemball, 51; Mr Norman Mailer, stuther 52; Mir Jerg less Mailer, author, 67; Miss Jean Simmons, actress, 61; the Rev Lord Soper, 87; Brigadier Sir Alexander Stanier, 91; Dame Freya Stark, traveller and writer, 97; Sir Michael Wilford, dip-

modore the Hon Timothy Elworthy, Mr Brian McGrath, and Major Scan Trengrove,

The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded the Lady Susan Hussey as Lady-in-Waiting to

CLARENCE HOUSE January 30: The Lady Elizabeth Basset has succeeded Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston as Lady-

KENSINGTON PALACE January 30: The Princess of Wales, Patron, Royal Anthro-pological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland, attended a lunch at the Royal Society, 6 Carlton House Terrace, SW1.
Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith

January 30: The Duchess of Kent this evening attended Dawson International's Cashmere Gala Dinner and Fashion Show at the Savoy Hotel, London WC2. Mrs Alan Henderson was in

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: André Garnerin, pio-neer balloonist, Paris, 1769; Franz Schubert, Vienna, 1797; Zane Grey, writer of "Western" novels, Zanesville, Ohio, 1872; Irving Langmuir, physicist, New York, 1981; Anna Pavlova, prima ballerina, Leningrad, 1882; Tallulah Bankhead, ac-tress, Huntsville, Alabama, 1903.

DEATHS: Guy Fawkes, hanged, London, 1606; Charles Edward Stuart, "Bonnie Prince Charlie", Rome, 1788; Charles Haddon Spurgeon, Baptist minister, Menton, France, 1892; John Galsworthy, hovelist and dramatist, Nobel laureate 1932, London, 1933; Jean Giraudoux, dramatist Basic 1944. Sie dramatist, Paris, 1944; Sir Charles Cochran, impresario, London, 1951; A A Milne, children's writer and dramatist, Hartfield, Sussex, 1956; Samuel Goldwyn, film producer, Los Angeles, 1974; Winifred Atwell, pianist, Sydney, New South Wales, 1983.

Dinner

Prime Minister and Mr Denis Thatcher were hosts at a dinner held at 10 Downing honour of Licenciado Carlos Salinas de Gortari, President of Mexico. The Mexican Ambas-sador and Señora Sepúlveda

Forthcoming marriages

and Miss F.M. Webb

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs David Collier, of Gorran Haven, Cornwall, and Fiona Margaret, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs St Lawrence Webb. Mr K.J. Grant

and Miss G.A. Betts The engagement is announced n Kenneth, younger son of Mrs Eileen Grant and the late daughter of Mr and Mrs R.

Merseyside, and Georgina, only Betts, of Warsash, Hampshire. and Miss H.C. Scott The engagement is announced between Nigel Charles, youngest son of Mr and Mrs John Talbot,

of Faraham, Surrey, and Henrietta Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Scott, of Strensall, York.

Mr S.P. Tytherleigh and Miss A.R.J. Edwards The engagement is announced herween Symon Peter elder son of Mr Peter and the late Mrs of Argyll and The Isle Jacqueline Tytherleigh, of Bath, officiant.

and Alison Rosemary Jane, only daughter of Mrs Rosemary A. Edwards and the late Air Commodore David J. Edwards, of Edinburgh

Mr P. Vells of Mr and Mrs Paul Vella, of

and Miss R.E. Mamo
The engagement is announced between Patrick, youngest son Bahar ic-Caghag, Malta, and Rachael Elisabeth, only daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs Wilfred

Marriage The Very Rev A. Maclean of

Dochgarrock yr and Mrs A. Lindsay The marriage took place on January 29, quietly at St John's Church, Edinburgh, between the Very Rev Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch yr, Provost of S John's Cathedrai, Oban, only son of the Rev Donald and Mrs Maclean of Dochgarroch, and Mrs Anne Lindsay, widow of Mr David Lindsay. The Bishop

Memorial services

A service of thanksgiving and celebration for the life of Mr Ian Parry was held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street. Canon John Oates officiated and read a special tribute by Miss Philippa Levett. Mr Charles Parry, brother, and Mr Aidan Sullivan, Times, read the lessons, Miss Ruth Parry, sister, read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland and Mr John Parry, brother, read an excerpt from
Abraham Cowley's poem On the
Death of Mr William Hervey.
In his address, Sir Anthony Meyer, MP, said of Ian Parry that at the age of 16 he had talked the editor of his local newspaper in North Wales into rapher. At 21, he left to work for The Mail on Sunday and then for The Sunday Times and The

"It did not take Fleet Street long to discover that they had a rising star. Technically he was a perfectionist. And, of course, he had the insatiable taste for adventure, which took him to Romania and his tragically early

"Ian Parry was killed when the plane carrying him back from Bucharest crashed in atrocious weather. Typically he had talked his way into Romania in the early stages of their revolu-tion; typically he secured a seat on one of the few planes flying out with the pictures he had taken of the events of those stirring days; even more typically he had gone round the hotel the night before offering to take other photo-journalists' films back with him."

Among others present were: AMONG others present were:
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Christopher Chancellor was held yesterday in the Crypt Chapel, St Paul's Cathedral. The Dean of St Paul's officiated, assisted by Canon Peter Ball and the Rev Christopher Waine. Mr Alexander Chancelior, son, read the lesson and Mr Graham Storey gave an address. Among

those present were:

Mr and Mrs Neerolas Johnston (accumulation), Mrs Advander (America), Mrs Advander (Chancellor (daughter), Mrs Advander Chancellor (daughter) in Mr Edward Chancellor (daughter) in Mr Edward Chancellor



OBITUARIES

SIR EDWARD POCHIN

Pioneering ways of reducing radiation risk

Sir Edward Pochin, KBE, formerly Chairman of the International Commission on Radiological Protection, died on January 29. He was 80.

Edward "Bill" Pochin was a distinguished physician, particularly well known for his work on the thyroid gland and for his contributions nationally and internationally to radiological protection. In his clinical career he was involved in the care of patients, teaching and research. Pochin was a pioneer in the introduction of practical radiation protection and in the setting of protection standards as well as their application.

Pochin was born in Sale, Cheshire, on September 22, 1909, and received his medical education at Cambridge University. He joined the Medical Research Council in 1941, being Director of the Medical Research Council Department of Clinical Research, at University Hospital Medical School, London, from 1946 until 1974.

He became an authority on endocrinology and especially on the thyroid gland. With the development of nuclear power the potential problems of the release of iodine-131, and the risk therefore to the thyroid gland, were recognized and Pochinwas well placed to study thyroid uptake; this, together with contributory studies by others, led to the use of stable iodine to block the uptake of radioactive iodine by the thyroid gland,

His reputation in this field led to his appointment as a member of the Medical Research Council's Committee on Protection against Ionizing

After the 1957 Windscale fire he was deeply involved in the assessment of dietary contamination; in the production of a report on the exposure to external radiation; and in the interpretation of the recommendations of the International Commission on

Alfred Perlès, the Czech-born

died in Wells, Somerset, at the

age of 92. In latter life he had

letters between himself and

Lawrence Durrell, sub-titled

A Correspondence About

Henry Miller, was widely

read, in part because Miller

then still interested people,

and in part because Durrell

had become famous for the

novels comprising The

Perlès was also - and this

will perhaps be his chief claim

to fame - the source for

of Henry Miller's early and

still notorious autobiographi-

'Carl", who figures in several

Alexandria Quartet.

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adopted the name Barret.



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In the early fifties he became associated with the work of ICRP, becoming a full member of the Commission in 1959; be was Chairman from 1962 to 1969. Sir Edward was also the UK delegate to the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Radiation (UNSCEAR) from 1956 up to and including 1982. He was a member of the WHO expert advisory panel on radiation.

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sor for the Windscale Inquiry conducted by Mr Justice Parker in 1977, and in 1987 he was appointed by the Government to conduct an inquiry into radiological health and safety at the Atomic Weapons Research Establishment, Aldermaston.

His report, always known as the "Pochin Report", led to a major overhaul in radiation protection at Establishment.

He was a member of the National Radiological Protection Board from 1971 to 1982 and a consultant to the Board His standing and experience until his death. He was a

for most of his Paris years, but

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Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and a Councillor from 1965 to 1968.

Pochin's career was that of a man whose reputation nationally and internationally grew as the importance of the area in which he worked increased in relation to society.

The committees and other bodies which he chaired became immensely influential throughout the professions concerned with radiological protection, which range from the medical uses of radiation to nuclear power, and include radioactive devices in factories and consumer goods.

Pochin was the anthor of more than 120 articles or chapters in medical and scientific journals or textbooks, on thyroid disease, nuclear medicine or radiation protection.

In 1982, he wrote a booklet for the International Atomic Energy Agency, Nuclear Power and the Environment, and he was also the author of a book. Nuclear Radiation: Risks and Benefits, for more general readership, published by the Oxford University Press.

It was characteristic of his dedication to the advancement of knowledge in radiation protection that after his period as chairman of ICRP he attempted to draft a comparative index of risks of various kinds - an "Index of

He was the first in the world to try to move radiation protection on to a quantitative asis and to see how this could be used to set standards. Risk comparison of this nature was the basis of the 1977 radiation protection standards of ICRP, now in use throughout Europe and, indeed, many other parts of the world. Although the "Index of Harm" was not perfect, no one has found anything better.

Pochin was appointed CBE in 1959 and KBE in 1975. He is survived by a son and

Astonishingly, Perlès continued to work almost to

the end, producing a succes-

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hill overlooking the lovely

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Scrbian peasants or army generals, not to speak, later, of the wily traders of the Levant, Mapplebeck was a figure in the John Buchan mould who would have been fully at home among the momentous events of the Eastern Europe of the present day. As a diplomat he

invasion of Russia.

As, first, a member of the

British economic mission to

Yugoslavia, and then, from

1940, Air Attaché in Belgrade,

Mapplebeck had formed a

close friendship with the patri-otic Yugoslav Chief of Air

Staff, General Bora Mirkovic,

and this helped create a cli-mate in which General

Simović was able to lead a

popular revolution against the

and German, and a man who was equally at home with

Fluent in both Serbo-Croat

did not always see eye to eye with his superiors in what was a ticklish situation in Yugoslavia. But he had his own objectives, which were always moulded by a clear sense of what was in Britain's interests. and had many ways of realising them. In the spring of 1941, with an invasion of Greece impending, Churchill

was particularly anxious that Yugoslavia should not drift into the Axis camp. Born on October 2, 1894, Mappiebeck served in the King's Liverpool Regiment

from the outbreak of the First World War, But he was wounded in the head at Ypres and after his recovery he joined the Royal Flying Corpa. He was eventually shot down writer and friend to a number to Czech parents in 1897. Like endary Pole, Miron Connolly's Horizon, that of well known writers, has many other Czechs, he spent a Bialoszewski, of "hopeless when the time came Henry over the Western Front and spent the remainder of the war in captivity, though not with-out one, almost successful, Miller would "surge escape attempt, which owed much to his fluent German.

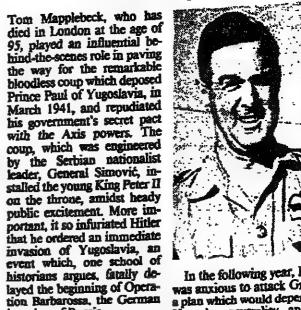
After the war, in Hamburg, this same fluency was of great service in helping to get British prisoners of war repatriated.

Between the wars he was

sent to Yugoslavia as part of the British economic mission. particularly on the air side, and he played an important part in the supply of the first Hawker Hurricanes to the Yugoslav Air Force. In the process he made many friends, notably the Yugoslav Chief of Air Staff, General Mirkovic. This friendship was strengthened after Mapplebeck became Assistant British Air Attaché in 1940.

TOM MAPPLEBECK

Undercover diplomacy in wartime Yugoslavia



In the following year, Hitler was anxious to attack Greece, a plan which would depend on Yugoslav neutrality, and indeed, counted on the Yugoslav government of the Regent, Prince Paul, allowing German equipment and supplies to traverse the country.

Mapplebeck, together with the Air Attaché, Wing Com-mander Hugh Macdonald, was able to use his influence with General Mirković to persuade him that a coup to remove the Regent would be a desirable and popular thing, and would have full British support. When Simovic's coup took place, on March 27, 1941, it attracted massive popular enthusiasm (except among Croats who expected a concession of autonomy from Hitler), thus vindicating Mapplebeck's judgement of Yngoslav feeling. British support was inevitably in the moral rather than in the material sphere.

Indeed the Yugoslav patriots paid dearly for their temerity. The German reply to these events was to invade Yugoslavia on April 6, treating prisoners and the populace with unexampled harshness. in an operation grimly codenamed Strafe (Punishment) Belgrade was bombed non-stop for three days, at the end of which time 17,000 lay dead in the ruins.

Mapplebeck and his diplomatic colleagues quitted the flaming city in haste on April
7. A safe place had to be found to hide 10 suitcases full of the Special Operations Erecutive's plastic explosives and they were eventually dumped in the swimming pool at the back of Mupplebeck's house. Alas, they were later found by the commandant of the occupying German forces who made Mapplebeck's house his headquarters.

After leaving Yugoslavia Mappiebeck served in various capacities in the Middle East and the Mediterranean, and ended his war as a Group Captain in charge of personnel welfare for that theatre.

After the war he stayed in Cairo, as an agent for defence equipment sales, moving to Beirut after the Suez crisis. But he lived to see the scars of that operation healed; indeed his OBE acknowledged his success in selling a large consignment of armoured Landrovers to the Egyptian security forces in 1985.

RHS Flower Show

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ALFRED PERLÈS

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Finest showing of hellebores

Many mature trees have been lost in the recent gales, but dwarf spring-flowering bulbs have stood up remarkably well. These are creating a sea of colour at the Royal Horticulural Society's flower But the highlight of this show is an

exhibit of hellebores (including Christmas and lenten roses) staged by Blackthorn Nursery, of Alresford, Hampshire. It is being hailed as the finest exhibit of hellebores ever seen at a show. Many rare and unusual species and varieties rub shoulders with cultivars raised on the nursery. The proprietors, Robin and Sue White, are carrying out a programme of hybridisation and among their introductions are H. niger 'Blackthorn Strain', a Christmas rose with extra-large flowers, and H. orientalis 'Blackthorn Primrose Strain', a lenten rose with pale yellow-green flowers.

The Cyclamen Society, of Woking, Surrey, one of the numerous bulb exhibitors, has a stand showing the results of the society's two recent expeditions to Northern Turkey to study the distribution and botanical variation in the wild of the popular garden plant, Cyclamen coum.

Plants on display, collected under license from the wild, show the wide variation in leaf and flower colour of this species. The newly discovered whiteflowered variant is also being shown. Another reason for the expeditions was to introduce good forms of the species

A total of 112 pairs contested

the national women's pairs

championship organized by the English Bridge Union and played at Coventry over the weekend. Mrs R. Fellows and

Miss A. Roberts, of Surrey, were

the easy winners, finishing some

200 match points ahead of the

Lawries from Scotland.

Bridge

into Britain and so extend the rather limited range currently cultivated. This exhibit was awarded a gold medal. Potterton and Martin, of Nettleton, North Lincolnshire, have also staged large drifts of Cyclamen coum, plus spowdrops, but also impressive are large groups of the miniature daffodil, Narcissus bulbocodium romieuxii forms, with butter yellow cup-shaped flowers and rush-like foliage. The exhibit has been awarded a gold medal.

An innovative exhibit is a large goldmedal display of calanthe orchids from the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, of Trinity, Jersey. Much grown in the Victorian period, these easily cultivated orchids with a long season of small buterfly-like flowers on arching stems went out of favour early this century but have now regained their popularity. The Eric Young Orchid Foundation

has produced a range of new seedlings from the old Victorian varieties, like 'Grouville' with red flowers, pink and carmine 'Saint Aubin' and white 'Corbiere'. The flowers in this exhibit show up well against a background of light green maidenhair ferns. Other gold-medal winners are Jacques

Amand, of Stammore, Middlesex (dwarf bulbs), Burncoose and South Down Nurseries, of Redruth, Cornwall (shrubs and other ornamental plants) and Herons Bonsai, of Newchapel, Surrey (winter bonsai). Due to the earliness of the season camellias are now in full flower in many areas, certainly in Dorset, the home county of Trehane Camellias, of Hampreston. This nursery is featuring for the first time camellia species like C. griisii with single white flowers, and Crosaeflora 'Cascade' which bears small single pink blooms. Also being featured are camellias with fragrant flowers. including the new introduction 'Spring Mist', a slightly tender variety with ellowish foliage and small ivory blooms, and the double 'Fagrant Pink'.

Borde Hill Garden, Haywards Heath, Sussex, has scoped most of the first prizes in the RHS ornamental plant competition. Exhibits include the unusual ornamental pear, Pyrus ussuriensis hondoensis, with clusters of white blossoms on bare branches. The miniature hardy Cyclamen trochopteranthum with heavily silver-speckled foliage and numerous tiny pink flowers has gained a first prize for Mrs K Dryden, of Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire, The following artists have been

awarded gold medals: the Botanical Research Institute, Pretoria, amalgamated with the National Botanic Gardens, Kirstenbosch, Cape Town (haemanthus of southern Africa); Margaret Stevens, of Bethesda, Gwynedd (shrubs); and Jessica Tcherepnine, of New York (orchids). The show, in the New Horticultural

Hall, Greycoat Street, Westminster, is open today from 10 am to 5 pm.

UK scoops up awards

pollution and alleged lack of commitment to environmental policies, has collected heritage and conservation awards announced today by Europa Nostra, a federation of more than 200 conservation bodies in 23 European countries (John Young writes).

Its record haul of two

The United Kingdom, fre- medals of honour and 19 quently criticized for its litter, diplomas of merit far exceeds that of any other country. Only Spain (two medals and two diplomas). West Gernearly half of this year's 50 many (one medal and four

diplomas). Belgium (one Appointment medal and two diplomas), the Netherlands (one medal and one diploma). France (three diplomas) and Denmark (two to Mr Nicholas Ridley, Sec-retary of State for Trade and Industry. diplomas) receive more than

Luncheon

Carmen's Company Mr G.A. Long, Master of the Carmen's Company, presented the Honorary Chaplain, the Right Rev W.J.A. Down, Bishop of Bermuda, with a mirre, cope and pectoral cross for his services to the company at a luncheon held yesterday at Haberdashers' Hall.

Mr Steven Norris MP to be Parliamentary Private Secretary

SCIENCE REPORT

Pulling the wool over a £3bn export industry

Clothing made from genetically engineered wool could be keeping us warm by the turn of the century. For researchers in Australia hope to improve methods of wool production by implanting genes into sheep that will boost wool growth and improve its quality.

In the latest issue of Trends in Biotechnology (vol 8, pp 6-11), George Rogers of the University of Adelaide reports on Australian researchers' efforts to make genetically engineered, or "transgenic" sheep with modified digestive systems that produce more of the nutrients essential to wool

But as well as making woollier sheep, genetic en-gineering could change the wool itself. The economic impact of the new research could be considerable; with 10 sheep for every Australian. wool exports are worth nearly £3 billion per year to Australia

A nutrient called cysteine is essential for wool growth, and extra-woolly designer sheep will be able to make cysteine efficiently using genes transplanted from bacteria. So far, the researchers have successfully implanted the genes into mice, as well as sheep cells growing in a test-tube. And very recently, Rogers and colleagues have managed to produce transgenic sheep, by injecting sheep embryos with the genes.

Despite the encouraging evidence, Rogers emphasizes that it will be some time before the researchers know if gene transplantation actually increases the supply of cysteine to the hundreds of

millions of tiny wool follicles that pepper a sheep's body. Nevertheless, he says, "the wool-grower ultimately stands

to gain from the current research". Fortunately the designer sheep are unlikely to suffer side effects from an uncontrolled build-up of cysteine inside their bodies. This is because cysteine production depends on a pientiful supply of sulphur, available only to cells of the sheep's digestive system. So the cysteine genes should therefore be ineffective in all but a handful of sheep cells. But in a belt-and-braces approach, the researchers are ooking for additional ways to limit the activities of the extra genes specifically to the sheeps' stomachs.

Cysteine is a vital ingredient proteins called keratins which form a kind of molecular scaffold running through the core of a wool fibre. Sheep produce several different keratins each of which plays a, different part in holding the scaffold together. Rogers and colleagues hope to change the properties of wool by altering the relative abundancies of the different types of keratin.

Already they have produced a woolly transgenic mouse that carries a sheep gene and can make one type of wool; keratin inside its hair follicles, the next step will be to increase the amount of certain keratins in the wool of transgenic sheep. This could's eventually result in wooi with improved abrasion resistance or dye penetration properties, straight off the back of a sheep.

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To Manager diplomacy in THE TIMES WEDNESDAY JANUARY 31 1990 **ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL**

CARMICHAEL - On January 28th, at a Harrogate nursing home. Colonel J.A.G. Carmichael, formerly of Fleet, Hampstire, beloved husband of the life Nine and a dear father and synandather. Service at Horogate Leonalorium on Thursday February 8th at 2.30 pm. No flowers please, Constions in memory to R.S.P.B., The Lodge, Sandy-Bedfordshire.

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Donations in memory to R.S.P.B., The Lodge, Sandy, Bodfordshire.

GRAWFORD - On January 27th, in Hong Kong, James Robert, aged 55, Deputy Law Draftsman.

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JONES - On James of John in Aberyswyth among family, ivor. Journalist and greekester, torn July 22nd 1916. Beloved husband of Jane Ann. much missed lather and grandrather.

ON THIS DAY

There has been no lack of criticism of Earl Haig's generalship in the years since the First World War so that a stranger might think that he was on the losing side; he was not. It is difficult for some today to realise how high Haig's reputation stood after the war and the sense of loss that was hely when he died The Garmone, of felt when he died. The Germans, of course, had no doubt at all about his stature; they called him "Master of the field".

> A LEADER IN WAR AND IN PEACE

Wherever the flag flies the British peoples share the "profound sorrow" of their King for the leader under whom they bore it to victory in the greatest of all wars. Late on Sunday night LORD HAIG passed away suddenly at the age of 67. There had been no previous warning. To all outward seeming he still had many years before him. But the summons was swift and imperious as on the battlefield, and the country began its day yesterday without premonition of its loss. LORD HAIO'S name will live for all time as that of the commander of all the forces of the Empire on the Western Front from the close of 1915 to the end of the War. He was a man who had earned, and who enjoyed, the entire confidence of the officers and the men who served under him. No one who was not conscious that have had the courage to speak to them as he spoke in the famous Order he addressed to them in the lest and Perhaps darkest of all the dark periods of the War—the black days of April, 1918, when the enemy made his final, desperate bid for victory. It will go down the ages as a national possession like NELSON'S signal at Trafalgar. They breathe the same spirit, the same in those who issued

them end the sems in those to whom they were issued. "With our backs to the wall, and believing in the justice of our cause, each one of us must fight on to the end." "England expects that every man will do his duty." Across the cartary between them schoes the old summons. HARI makes no secret of the danger of the situation. He of the danger of the situation. He knows that his men are tired, yet he bids them to "fight it out," with the assurance that they will "fight on to the end," and that "victory will belong to the side which holds out the longest." They are plain, homely words, but they illustrate, as HARS's conduct throughout the whole struggle, in which he have a burden more terrible and prolonged than ever was borne by any other British general, illustrates what was perhaps his illustrates what was perhaps his greatest quality as a commander. He was never perturbed by danger however imminent, by mishaps or disappointments however un-expected by responsibilities however grave. The "mens acqua rebus in arduis" was part of his nature. Perhaps this gift—which enabled him to go serenely about his work, to take his daily ride and to sleep his nightly sleep when he knew that everything was at stake—came partly by inheritance...

Our French allies have hastened to pay a generous tribute to the British leader who stood beside them in their moral need and helped them to free their soild from the invaders. But one of the truest and the most fitting appreciations of his worth comes from the distinguished South African soldier and statesman who knew him as an enemy in the Boer War and as a comrade in the great conflict for the freedom of the world. "All honour to him," says GENERAL SMUTS, "great the best of epitsphs for HAIG. His fellow-subjects throughout the Empire honour him as a great soldier, but it is as a very great and noble gentleman that they have given him love as well as honour.

BURTON - On January 27th
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THURSDAY

Dance: The Ballet du Nord from France with first performance of Piaf and Les mots d'amour. Derngate, Northampton (to 3rd).

Opera: New production of Prince Igor, Royal Opera House, London. Rock: Eric Clapton at Royal Albert Hall, London

(also 3,4,5,8,9,10); Simply Red at the London Arena. Theatre: David Hare's new play Racing Demon, with Barbara Leigh-Hunt. National Theatre (Cottesloe), London (opens Feb 8).

Sport: Basketball: Coca-Cola National, quarter finals (and tomorrow); Fencing: Leon

Beaumont Centre, London (and tomorrow);
Football: FA Trophy, second round; Rugby
Union: France v England, Paris; Ireland v Scotland,
Dublin; France B v England B, Paris.
Event: Jorvik Viking Festival. Various venues
around York (to 24th).
Rock: Bob Dyjan at Hammersmith Odeon (to

8th); Tanita Tikaram at the Hexagon, Reading; The

Alarm at the Newport Centre. Gwent.

Paul Cup, men's foil international, De

Jazz: Yank Lawson at Pizza Express, London (and tomorrow). Event Needles and Pins exhibition of home crafts. Kensington Town Hall, London (to 4th). Cinema: Far North: Family drama written and directed by Sam Shepard, Cannon Tottenham Court Rd.

SATURDAY



Theatre: Sean
O'Casey's Juno and the
Paycock at the Royal
Lyceum Theatre Lyceum Theatre, Edinburgh (to Mar 3); Peer Gynt, directed by Declan Donnellan, previews at the National Theatre (Olivier). London (opens Feb 28). Event: Road Racing and Super Bike Show. Alexandra

Manchester.



Theatre: Phylida Lloyd's directorial début with the Royal Exchange Theatre with *The* Winter's Tale. (To Mar 17); Premiere of Alice Walker's Meridian. Contact,

Event: Cruft's Dog Show. Earls Court, Exhibition Centre, London (to 11th).

Sport: Squash: Irish Open, Dublin (to 11th).

Cinema: Family Business: A Sidney Lumet comedy-drama. Odeon Leicester Square.

Sport: Rugby League: Silk Cut Challenge Cup, second round; Ice Skating: Skate Electric British short

Skating: Skate Electric British short track speed charmoionships,
Humberside (and tomorrow); Football: FA Vase, fifth round; Racing: Tote Gold Trophy, Newbury; Rugby Union: Pilkington Cup, fourth round.

Jazz: Fayez Virji begins a tour at South Holland Centre, Spalding.
Opera: Opera North's first night of Show Boat.
Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon.
Rock: The Alarm at the Corn Exchange,
Cambridge; Van Morrison at the Empire, Liverpool;
Tanita Tikaram at SECC, Glasgow.

Concert: The

Quartet with John Binghan

piano, perform Fauré, Elgar

the Half Moon Putney, London-Rock: Van Morrison (right) at the Apollo, Manchester;

Wigmore Hall, London.
Jusz Mike Gibbs Band at

Giant Sand at Burberries, Birmingham.

Opera: Revival of Don Pasquale, Royal Opera House, London;

Travelling Opera's production of *La Bohème*, Festival Theatre, Malvern.

Rock: Newcastle; Barry Manilow at the Apollo,

Manchester (to 14th). Event: Ulster Motor Show.

King's Hall, Belfast (to 17th).

Cinema: Harlem
Nights: Eddie
Murphy co-stars
with Richard Pryor Cannon Havmarket. Sport: Rugby League: British Coal Under 21 International: Great Britain v France, Doncaster. Rock: Barry Manilow (right) at NEC, Birmingham (also tomorrow).



Concert: Jorge Mester conducts the RPO and Paul Torteller In Eiger's Cello Concerto. Barbican Centre, London. Cinema: Blaze: Paul Newman (right) as a Louisiana governor who has a relationship with a stripper. Warner West End.

Morrison at NEC,

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Hammersmith Odeon,

London (also tomorrow).

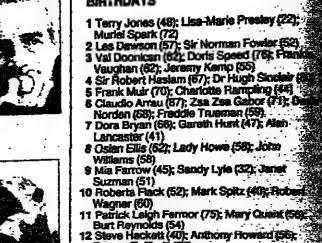
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Tramway, Glasgow (to Apr 29).

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BIRTHDAYS

vagner (50)
11 Patrick Leigh Fermor (75); Mary Canna (56);
But Reynolds (54)
12 Steve Hackett (40); Anthony Howard (56);
Franco Zeffireld (57)
13 Liam Brady (34); Kim Riovalk (57); Oliver Reed (52)

MILESTONES

American actor Burt Reynolds and British de again Mary Quant celebrate their birthdays this man

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24 Dennis Waterman (42); Derek Randal (39)
25 Tom Courtenay (53); George Harrison (47); Elide Brooks (45)
26 Johnny Cash (58); Sandie Shaw (43)
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ANWIVERSARIES



Fitty years ago this month, the new live year-old Dalai Lamy was enthruned on February 22 in Titles;

blockade of the British Isles (1915) 9 In the USA, Joseph McCerthy leunches the anti-communist crusade (1950)

alikanos (1950) 18 A new planet beyond Neptune is discovered (1930); The National American Women's

his involvement with plots to help the king escape and to kill Latayette and Balily (1790)

20 Adolf Hitler orders U-bosts to sink neutral ships (1940)

FRIDAY



Palace, London (to 11th).



Sport: Racing: Vincent O'Brien

Sport: Boxing: World Cup competition, Havana, Cuba (to

24th); Football: FA Sunday

Cup, fifth round; Snooker:

Derby. Rock: Dionne Warwick at

9 Sport: Squash: Welsh Open, Cardiff (to 25th), Rock: John Cale

(right) at Royal Festival Hall, London. Juzz: Eberhard Weber at

translation of the Soviet play

Theatre, London (opens Feb 22).

Concert: Christopher Seed,

piano, performs at St John's, Smith

Square, London. Sport: Boxing: WBC International Championship,

Hugo Corti v Chris Eubank.

St George's, Bristol.

Exchange. Vaudeville

Theatre: Michael Frayn's

British Open, 64 to 32,

tomorrow).

Gold Cup, Leopardstown;

5 Sport: Rackets: World Doubles Championship, Queen's Club,

London (to 18th).

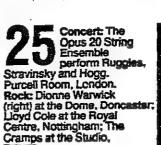
Buckley Tivoli.

Rock: lan Hunter/Mick

Ronson at the Octagon, Sheffield; The Quireboys at



Sport: Rugby Union: Pilkington Union: Plikingium Cup, fifth round; Schweppes Weish Cup, sixth round; Football: FA Trophy, third round.
Rock: The Stranglers at
Brixton Academy: The Gramps at the Hummingbird, Birmingham. Event: Kielder Forest Husky Dog Rally, Kielder Forest, Northumberland (and tomerrow).



26 Rock: The Stranglers at Crawley Leisure Centra.

Jazz: Danish Radio Big

Band at Ronnie Scott's, Dance: Royal Ballet opens

for one week with La Baya

and The Prince of the

Pagodas, Hippodrome,

Birmingham.

London (to Mar 4).





MONDAY

Cable Champion Hurdle,

SUNDAY

Concert: Michael Tilson Thomas conducts the LSO in Manler

Barbican Centre, London.

Jazz: Art Farmer (right) at

Sport: Shorifield.
Sport: Snooker: B & H
Masters, Wembley Conference
Centre: Racing: Wessel

Theatre: English Shakespeare Company's production of *The Comedy of Errors* opens at the Theatre Royal, Bath (to 10th). Dance: Karin Vyckne from Belgium opens a week's programme at the ICA, London.

News: The BBC takes over the generation of the time "pips" from Greenwich Observatory at noon.

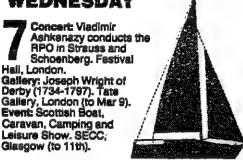
Opens: Travelling Opera's production of The Barber of Seville, Yvonne Arnaud Theatre,

Rock: The Alarm at St David's Hall, Cardiff; Tanita Tikaram at the Apollo, Oxford.

TUESDAY

Dance: Northern Ballet Theatre with Christopher Gable's Giselle. City Hall, Sheffield for one week, then tour. Opera: Travelling Opera's production of La Bohème, Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Guildford.
Rock: The Alarm at Exeter University.
Event: Gun salutes to mark Accession Day.
Hyde Park, London, at noon and the Tower of Theatre: World premiere of Anthony Burgess's

A Clockwork Orange. Barbican Theatre, London. WEDNESDAY Concert: Viadimir Ashkenezy conducts the Schoenberg, Festival v Mark Reefer, International Hall, London.



Opera: Scottish Opera's new production of La forza del destino, Theatre Royal, Glasgow.
Rock: Van Morrison at
SECC, Glasgow; Ian
Hunter/Mick Ronson (right)
at Rock City, Nottingham; Glant Sand at Subterunia, Sport: Boxing: European Super

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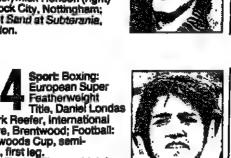
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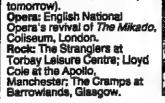
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Rock: The Stranglers (right) at Poole Arts Centre. Blankert offers a new work at The Place, London (and





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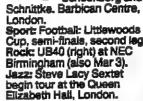
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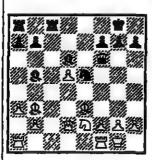
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 Bob Symes is a genial and splendidly bewhiskered television all-rounder who can move effortlessly from enthusing about model railways to investigating the fate of Crown Prince Rudolf at Mayerling More recently he has added welcome ballast to Tomorrow's World. In The House That Bob Built, a film for Q.E.D (BBC1, 9.30pm), he turns up as a super do-it-yourselfer with a bagful of tips on how to make our houses more efficient. His theme is that British house design is way behind the standards of Germany or Scandinavia. I lost count of the number of times he pointed out that such-and-such device had been common practice and/or a legal requirement in Germany for 30 (or 40 or even 60) years.



A bagful of tips: Bob Symes, outside the house that he built (BBC1, 9.30pm)

He asserts that much can be done at little expense, taking as his model a house in the Milton Keynes Energy Park which went up in a mere eight weeks. Whether it is providing drinking water in the bathroom or taking unpleasant smells out of the smallest room, Bob has the answer. He tells us how to cut down fuel bills and save water. Some of his wrinkles are obvious when you think about them, such as having fewer windows on the cold side of the house or setting power points at shoulder level to save people bending down. Triple glaz-ing may sound claustrophobic, but what is good enough for the Germans should be good enough for us, particularly with the coming of a single European market. For a grand finale he demonstrates how he can sit on a railway platform several miles away and instruct the house, by remote control, to draw its curtains, switch on the lights and set the video. If Q.E.D. is science at the popular end, Antessa (BBC2, 8.10pm) makes few presenting the items, instead of using television professionals to mediate for the uninitiated. Tonight's main item is on genetic fingerprinting, and how its reputation as an important new aid in vavicting violent criminals has been indermined by two cases in the United States. The main drift of the argument is clear enough but I suspect that few will follow the scientific explanations that lie behind it. The same applies to a second item, on the effect of solar storms on the atmosphere, while the third offering is as much philosophical as scientific, a discourse on what western scientists might learn from the ideas of Islam.

BBC Breakfast News and Commonwealth Games. Stave Rider introduces coverage of the overnight events, including Harry Carpenter with the latest boxing news. Plus regular news headlines business and financial reports, regional news, weather and travel

information

3.20 Kikoy, Robert Kiroy-Sik chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject 10.00 News and weather followed by Goles for Gold (r)

10.25 Children's BBC, presented by Simon Parkin, begins with Playdays. Mark Sandall tells the tale of Kino Carute 10.50 Boobert (r) 10.85 Five to Eleven. Cook James with a reading

11.00 News and weather followed by Commonwealth Gazans. Helen Commonwealth Games. Helen Rollmon introduces further coverage of the seventh day of the Games, including the latest boxing results. With news and weather at 12.00, 12.55

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1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip
Hayton. Weather
1.20 Neighbours. At the last mitrute
Mrs Mangel's wedding ceremony is
thrown into jeopardy: Jim has
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with Beverty, and Mike tries to
find out what really happened to
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1.50 Going for Gold. Henry Keily hosts enother round of the European

another round of the European general knowledge quiz

2.15 Knots Landing: Unbroken Bones.
The police suspect that Joshua has been murdered, while Mac finds that Jill Bonnett has walked back into his life. Starting Ted Shacklefund, Joan Van Ark, Donne Lillis and Ted Austin.

3.05 Primetime. Magazine series for the older viewer presented by David Jacobs. This week's edition includes Shalia McClemnon reporting from the sic-elopes of Austria on holidays aimed specifically at older people, and the Jelly Rolls, formerly the Roly Polys, proving that you are never too old to sing and dance. In addition, David Jacobs asks Noel Josephides from the Association of Independent Tour Operators why single travellers have to pay more

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Desmond Lynam introduces highlights from today's action in Auckland, including boxing semi-finals, the men's bowls singles final, the men's 100m sprint final in cycling and the rhythmic all round that in gymnastics. Plus badminton, judo and shooting.

2.00 below: Pride and Prejudice. JR and Cally have an unwelcome visitor at Southfork; while sensing the solution to the mysterious key, Miss Ellis makes a move that shoots Clayton, and newcomer James Basumont makes a loud impression on the Ewing family. (Ceefax)

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B.50 Hours of View presented by Anna Robinson 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn

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Coefax regregates from PA commentary from John Motson; Figure-Stating: the European championships from Leningrad featuring the pairs' free programme. Plus further coverage of the Games in Audicland, where there are neven more sthirties medals to be won, including, at 6.10, the men's 5,000m final. Other finals include the men's long (ump, the men's and women's 800m, the men's and women's 200m, and the women's javefin. There is also the latest on the cycling and bowls. The commentators in Auckland are David Coleman,

Ron Pickering, Brendan Foster and Paul Dickerson

6.00 TV-sim begins with Minns and Good Morning Britain, presented by Richard Keys and, from 7.00, by Mike Morris and Lorraine Kelly, Include news at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.90, 8.30 and 9.00. In After Mine Lesley Bremness talks about the heath-giving properties of herbs

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8.00 Home and Away (r)

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6.50 Thurnan Help, Jackie Spreckley with details of the National Association for Pre-menstrusi

7.00 This is Your Life, Michael Aspel springs a surprise on another unsuspecting worthy
7.30 Coronnact force. Maris receives a postcard which brings back

memories and heralds a disturbing day for her. (Oracle) c.co Fam: A View to a KM (1965) starring Roger Moors, Christopher Walken, Grace Jones and Tanya Roberts. A Soviet microchip is found to be the exact replica of the to be the exact replica of the
British Government's select model
and James Bord is called in to
discover how this has happened.
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11.06 Ice Skatting. The European Figure
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by Nick Stuart

2.00 News headlines followed by
Videofashion. A report on how
designers from Hermes to Raiph
Lauren are once again turning to traditional country affire for inspiration.

2.30 America's Top Time

3.00 Friday the 13th: A Cup of Time. A

rock star discovers a liquid which holds the secret of eternal youth, but the cup he drinks it from has a

secret of its own
4.00 Nove headines followed by
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8.00 M*A*S*H. When the 4077th and has an outbreak of food poisoning, Hawkeye and BJ become lost in enemy territory on their way back to the camp with antibiotics (r)

9.25 A White for Sam. The celebration of the work of the late Samuel Bectett continues with autracts from Krapp's Last Tape, written in 1958 and starring Patrick Magee, and Eh Joe (b/w), the first play Beckett wrote specifically for

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10.20 Building Sights. Gillian Dariey in preise of the award-winning David Mellor Curtiery factory in the Darbyshire Peak District, designed Michael Hopkins (r)

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11.15 The Late Brow with author Thomas Pynchon 11.55 Weather

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college campus comedy (Oracle)
7.00 Charmel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi
7.80 Party Political Comment from a Liberal Democrat politician. Followed by Weather
8.00 Brookside. Both Caroline and

Harry receive some unexpected news in the post (Oracle) Dispetables: Career, A new chemical has been found which may

chemical has been found which may provide a cure for cancer.
Tonight's programme looks into its research and development.

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1.00 How To Be Purifical recons
Comedy, in which a 12-year-old enrols in a
course to become a perfect person
4.00 The Last Giraffe (1979): A couple
endeavours to save the endangered
Rotischild giraffe
6.00 Emest Goes to Camp (1967): A
handyman has ambitions of becoming a
summer camp counsellor. With Jim
Varney

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Varney
7.40 Encertairment Tonight
8.00 Satisfaction (1988): A female rock
hand takes part in a battle of the bands
competition. With Justine Bateman
8.40 At the Pictures: Cinema review
10.00 Rambo (First Band Fart Two
(1985): Rambo (Sylvester Stallone) is sent on
a mission to rescue American PoWs still
held captive in Vertrain
12.00 Cinema of Passice (1985):
Kathleen Turner as a fashion designer by
day and a hooker by night
2.40 an The Found Procecol (1986):
Michael Caine sets out to stop Russian Michael Caine sets out to stop Russian agent Pierce Brosnan detonating a nuclear bomb in Britain 4.00 Up the Creek (1984) College rafting contest, with Tim Matheson. Ends at 5.35am

EUROSPORT

B.00am International Business Report 8.30 European Business Charmet 6.00 DJ Kat 8.30 Menu 8.00 Basketball 10.00 Rugby Laggue 11.00 WWF Superstars of Wrastling 12.00 European Figure Skating 3.00pm Commonwealth Games 4.00 Trans World Sport 5.00 European Elegan Skating 7.00 Suren Meaning 8.00 Figure Skating 7.30 Surfer Magazine 8.00 World Championship Boxing 10.00 Football 12.00 Commonwealth Games

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7.00mm Boxing 6.35 Rugby Leegue 10.00 NFL American Football 12.30mm ice Hockey 2.30 Sport en France 3.00 Pro Boxing 7.30 Tennis 8.30 Pro Box 11.30 Sport on France 12.00 Powersports

LIFESTYLE

10.00cm Filness Minute 10.01 Search for Tomorrow 10.25 Fashion File 10.35 Wok with Yan 11.29 The Edge of Night 11.25 Great American Gerneshows 12.30pm What's New 12.55 Safy Jessy Raphael 1.50 Skyways 2.40 Search for Tomorrow 3.95 Toa Break 3.15 The Detectives 4.05 Travel View 4.35 Lifestyle Plus 3.45 Great American Gameshows

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Mike Read 3.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 5.30 News '90
6.00 Mark Goodier 7.30 Adrian Juste 8.30 John Peel 10.00
Nicky Campbell 12.00-2.00am
Richard Skinner

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4.00am News; Sport 4.05
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Alex Lester 5.30 Devid Allan 7.30
Derek Jameson 9.30 Ken
Bruce 11.00 Jimmy Young
1.05pm Devid Jacobs 2.00
Gloria Hunniford 3.30 Adrian Love
5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Folk on 2
8.30 Laft Cuarter 8.05 Listen to
the Band 10.00 Uncle Mort's
North County 10.15 Peter
Skellem 10.30 Thanks for the
Klemory 11.05 Round Midnight
1.05-4.00am Nightride

WORLD SERVICE

6.08am Morgennisgazin 5.35 News In German; Headlines in English and French 5.47 Sports News 5.50 Financial News 5.57 Swakes and Travel News 5.00 Inserts 1.4 Section of Financial News 5.50 North News 5.00 News 5.00 News 5.00 North News 5.00 News 5.00 News 5.00 North News 5.00 News 5.00 News 5.00 North News 5.00 News

RADIO 3

6.85am Weather and News Hearlines Headines
7.00 Morning Concert: Arme
(Symphony No 2: Cantilena
under Shepherd); Magnard
(Overbure, Op 10: Toulouse
Capitole under Plasson);
Rachmaninov (The Lilacs,
Op 21 No 5: Elsabeth
Söderström, soorano. Soderström, soprano, Vladimir Ashkenazy, pieno)

7.30 News 7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Monteverdi (Beatus vir: Soloists, Taverner Consort Soloists, Taverner Consort and Players under Andrew Parrott; Schubert ("Trout" Cuimet: Members of Vienna Octet; Dvořék (Slavonic Dance in F. Op 46 No 4: Bavarian Rado Symphony Orchestra under Refeel Kubelik)

8.36 Composers of the Weelc Alan Rawsthorne and Malcolm Williamson. Rawsthorne (Bellet, Madame Chrysantheme:

Madame Chrysentheme: Pro Arte Orchestra under the composer); Williams (Scenes from The Happy Prince: Soloists; String Quintet; Piano Duet; Percussion under Marcus Dods, with Pauline Stevens alto, April Cantelo, soprant The Forest "The Display": Sydney Symphony Orchestra under John Hopkins); Rawsthorne (Practical Cats: Philharmonia under the

composer, with Robert Donat as the narrator) \$.35 Corell and Scarlatti: Members of the English Crio Sonatas: Op 1 Nos 1 and 7); Scarlatti (Harpsichord Sonatas, Kik 544 and 545); Corell (Trio Sonatas: Op 2 No 9; Op 1

No 3) No 3)
19.20 Songs and Duets of
Benjamin Britten: Derek
Ragin, counter-tenor, tan
Partridge, tenor, Julius
Drake, piano, perform
Purcell, arr Britten (Sound
the Tormost, Reat the the Trumpet, Beet the Drum; Lost is My Quist for Ever; No. Resistance is B Valor; Shopherd, Leeve Decoying); Britten (Tit for Tat; Six Hölderfin

voe is But Tat; Stx Hölderfin
Fragments, Op 61)
11.00 Midweek Cholce with Susten
Sharpe: Handel (Suite No 2
in F: Kenneth Gilbert,
harpsichord); Holst (Suite to
Beni more: BBC Symphomy
Orchestra under Sargent);
Copland (in the Beginning:
Crowdon Singers under Croydon Singers under Best, with Catherine Denley, mezzo): Poulenc (Concerto in D minor: Rotterdam Philiparmonic Orchestra

under Conion, with
François-René, Duchable
and Jean-Philippe Colland,
pianos); Bruckner, trans.
Horn (Adagio from
Symphony No 7: Envin
Horn, organ); Arnold
(Symphony, Op 123: Philip
Jones Brass Ensemble);
Paganini (Adagio-Cartabile
spianato — Violin Concerto
No 3 in E: London spianato — Violin Concer No 3 in E: London Philharmonic Orchestra under Dutoit, with Salvate Appetrict

1.00ga News
1.06 Concert Hall: Live from the BBC Concert Hall, London. The planist Paul Berkowitz performs Beethoven (Sonsta in C minor, Op 10 No 1); Schubert (Impromptu in B flat, D 935 No 3); Brahms (Six Pieces, Op

Brahms (Six Pieces, Op 118)

2.90 Record Review (r)

3.10 Vintage Years: Emmy Destinn, 1878-1930. A selection of records, highlighting the soprano's outstanding roles, including Carmen, Salome, Madam Butterfly, Aida and Marsnica

4.00 Choral Evensong: Live from Gloucestar Cathedral

5.60 Songs of the Humpbecked Gloucester Cathedral

5.60 Songs of the Humpbecked
Dragon: Part 1: The Island
of New Ireland. First in a
series of three programmes
in which John Thomley presents music from Papus. New Guinea 5.30 Mainly for Pleasure with Michael Berkeley

7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear with Robert Hewison
7-30 Mozart and Saliert: Live rmozart and sawere Live from the Royal Festival Hall, London. The City of London Sinfonia under Richard Hickox; London Symphony Chorus performs Rimsky-Cronus periorms reinsky-Korsakov (Mozart and Satlert — one-act opera) 8-35 Mozart, compt Süssmayr (Raquiem in D minor, K 625) (see Choics) A Soylet Dilamma: The

8.35 A SO dramatic changes taking place within the Soviet. Union are discussed by Professor Ernest Gellner, who recently spent a year attached to the institute of Ethnography in Moscow, and Geoffrey Hosking, the 1988 Reith Lecturer 19-36 Quartets of the Eightles-Lindsay Quartet performa John Casken (Quartet, 1981-2); Geoffrey Poole

(Quartet, 1983)
11.00 Composers of the Week:
Schumann (Fantasy in C;
Fantasy Pieces for cello s Fantasy Pisces for cello and plano; arr Kreiser (Fantasy for violin and orchestra) (r) News 12.05am Cince

RADIO 4

LW (s) Stereo on FM 5.65em Shipping Fo LW (s) Stereo on FM 5.65ams Shipping Forecast \$.00 News Briefing; Weather \$.10 Farming Today \$.25 Prayer For The Day (s) \$.30 Today, with Brian Rechead and Sue MacCregor, incl \$.30, 7.00, 7.20, 8.00, 8.30 News \$.55, 7.55 Wasther \$.35 Yesterday in Parlament \$.57 Weather \$.00 News

16.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time from Merseyside (r) 16.30 Morring Story: Even Simpler, by Angele Patrions. Reed by Hugh Dickson (r) 16.48 Daily Service (s) 11.00 News; The Wednesday Feature: Changing Track. Professor Howard Newby, charman of the Economic chairman of the Economic and Social Research Council, assesses the effects on British community life of the mount social and

sconomic revolution, locusing on Europe's assess-growing town, 11.47 One Night At The Opera: Denia Hessey, MP, taks Monty Halfrecht about his entrusiasm for opera 45.00 News; You and Yours with John Howard 12.35pm Cut of Order; Patrick Hannan chairs a light-hearsed political quiz. The

two teams are captained by MPs Austin Mischell and Julian Critchiey 12.55

Julian Critchley 12.95
Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.35
Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hourt lan
Histop and Jo Foley discuss
women in men's magazines,
such as Arene and GC, an
Interview with the woman
who designs the medals for
the Commonwealth Games
and Jenni Murray ments Kate Howard, the literary manager of the Royal Court Theatre, London 3.00 News: Elephants: Play by Maurice Brown. Everyone delighted by Jim's loke memo about the correct

way to transport elephants except his boss. With Christian Roceius an Jim (II)
3.47 Time for Verse: George MacBeth Interviews poet. Peser Porter about his the and poetry. The least of five programmes recorded at the Salisbury Festival (s)

4.00 News
4.05 File on 4 with reporter Heler
Bossien (r)
4.48 Kaleidoncope Extra: Michael

Rate(coacope Extra Michael Berkeley talks to 89-year-old Mavis Bennett, operatic superstar of the Twenties and Thirties (s) 5.39 PM with Valerie Singleton and Hugh Sykes 5.30 Shipping Forecast 5.50 Weather 5.50 Str. O'Clock Mews, Thundal Report

6.30 Round Britain Cusz (new series): Chaired by Louis Allen (s) (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.30 Face the Facts with John 7.45 Medicine Now with Geoff Maction Now with Lead?
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alk about the project. Compiled and presented by Unda Cookson 5.15 Kaleidoscope: Presented by Unda Cookson

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Kemp reviews the ENO's
production of Bearties and
Benedict at the Collegum (e)

8.45 The Financial World Toright
Last Western

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18.50 The World Tonight with
Alexander MacLeod (a)

16.45 A Book At Bedfirms The
Remains of the Day, by
Kazuo Ishiguro. Part & A
Trying Situation

11.00 Sweet and Low-Down: Part
5: The Great Indoors.
Robert Cushman gives a
alle-part personal view of
New York cabaret and
American popular song. American popular song. With singers Fred Amaire, Elleen Farres, Barbere Law, Mabel Mercer, Max Morath, Joan Morris and Hugh Sharmon (s) 11.36 Today in Parliament 12.00-12.30 mm Noves, Incl 12.30 Weather 12.33 Shipping Fornassi

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(RADIO CHOICE)

Peter Davalle

 Peter Shaffer, adding a postscript to the Penguin edition of his play Amadeus, promised that there would be no television spin-offs from the film version of his highly original, highly imaginative, version of the rivalry between Mozart and Salieri. There would be no weekly instalments in which Salieri would plot different ways of getting rid of a composer whom God



had seen fit to endow with gifts vastly superior to his own. Shaffer kept his word,

leaving the way clear for others to make capital out of this most enduring of musical mysteries. Mozart and Salieri (Radio 3, 7.30pm) exploits the composers' relationship in a responsible manner. This live concert from the Royal Festival Hall in London, includes Rimsky-Korsakov's one-act opera Mozart and Salieri, as well as Mozart's D minor Requiem, the genesis of which prompted Shaffer to write a climax for his stage play (re-shaped in the film) that was pure Grand Guignol. Such a concert would have been unimaginable without some expert thoughts on the Mozart-Salieri affair from H.C. Robbins Landon whose marvellous book 1791. Mozart's Last Year, is the last word on the matter. It is these thoughts that fill tonight's concert interval (at 8.15).



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war in Romania

From Christopher Walker Bucharest

The leaders of Romania's main opposition party yesterday said that civil war was likely unless tomorrow's round-table talks slackened the grip of former Communists on the interim National Salvation Front Govern-

Their fears have been conveyed to the interim President, Mr Ion Iliescu, who has so far ruled out the dismissal of former Communists from the National Salvation Front. A leading member of the Front, Professor Silviu Brucan, has hit back by accusing the fledgeling opposition of trying to link up with students to stage a "putsch" at its weekend protest rally.

The spectre of renewed fighting is being treated seriously by Western diplomats, who are aware of the passions aroused by the December revolution and the deep divisions inside the country which have come to the surface since.

"We are dealing here with a nation that has been traumatized," one European envoy explained, "and it is one where many people still have

The conflict is rapidly becoming a class struggle, with industrial workers lining up behind the Front, while the

Photograph ..

opposition consists mainly of students, intellectuals and agricultural labourers embittered by memories of forced collectivisation.

Although the Front supporters claim that their marches have been spontaneous, critics ailege that the old Communist Party structure is still in place under a different name and has been used to mobilize instant demonstrations.

The opposition says that pay increases have been offered to those who turn out on the streets to back the Front, although this is denied by the Front's spokesmen.

Tempers have been further inflamed by widespread allegations of corruption and inefficiency in the distribution of foreign aid sent since the overthrow of the Ceausescu dictatorship. Even the chief of one of Bucharest's crowded orphanages has been accused of filtering off food and other aid intended for her charges.

The civil war warnings came as death threats against the leaders of the the right wing National Peasants' Party were being referred to Amnesty International. The party has demanded extra personal protection and defiantly announced its determination to continue its crusade against

Warning Take it away, Big Mac Moscow of civil





French fries? The decor reinforces the international flavours

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

A portion of the American came to Pushkin Square, Moscow, yesterday when the biggest McDonald's hamburger restaurant in the world made its debut for the

To Western eyes it looked ore or less like any other McDonald's. But Soviet urnalists blinked when they rent in. The cleanliness, the brightness, the space, the high chairs for the children . . .

henefit of the Press.

Contemplating what she described as "this dazzling palace" one journalist said the secret of MicDonald's would be barder for Russians to penetrate than the B-2 bomber. She was not far wrong. The

McDonald's code is as distant from the realities of Soviet life as it is possible to be.

Scarcely were we through the door than beaming young assistants, neatly uniformed. with badges saying "Can I help you?" bounced up to offer order slips. There were young Russians running for burgers, crowding round the tills, sweeping the floor, polishing Russian): "Thank you for

coming. Twenty-year-old Marina. her smile (unlike some) thoroughly genuine, said she loved

the work. She, like many, was a student, working about 15 hours a week - so introducing to Moscow another American notion, that of working year way through college. it was a far cry from the surly babushke of the average Soviet restaurant, and if the

French fries were not quite as light as in the West, the milkshakes more liquid, the McDonald's "gamburger" and "chizburger" are available, bot, and readily affordable by most Russians (though a "Big Mac" at 3 roubles 75 kopecks - the price of a solid Russian restaurant meal - might have to be saved for treats).

The Moscow McDonald's story began 15 years ago, when Mr George Cohon, president of McDonald's, Canada, started talks with the Russians. There were many hurdles; but now McDonald's the tables and saying (in three quarters of an hour out of Donald's queue unique.

Moscow, built by foreigners to American standards. There the company has its own cattle, potato fields pasteurization equipment. Western and Soviet "evalmators" work side by side checking the French fries.

Some questions remain. To see young Russians dressed as ing Americans is suddenly to realize how relatively small. ansophisticated and poorly nourished most of them look And then, not everyone in way of life. McDonald's may develop enemies. When the Canadian man-

agers and instructors have gone home, will the Soviet team be able to sestain their "dazzling palace" in this wilderness of mediocrity? With an estimated clientele of up to 15,000 people a day, queues are expected in Pushkin Square. But, as Mr Cohon said: "The thing is that when they get to the end of the line, there is going to be food." If that promise alone is kept, it has a purpose-built factory will make the Moscow McPolitical sketch

Listed MPs dial M for Margaret

terday, your sketchwriter ecrie regularity. needed the telephone number

of a friend. Name?" said the woman at Directory Inquiries. I gave

"Address? Initials?" I supplied these too.

"Wait a me Then something extraor-dinary happened. I was addressed by a machine.

"The - number - you require", it crackled in electromagnetic monotone is - zero - one - two - one - 2050 . . .

What had happened to the nice lady I had been talking to a moment ago? Vanished! She had plugged me into a cassette-player and gone off for a cup of tea. So it has come to this with BT five - nine - six -

three." Click. Brrr. "Thank you," I said. This was most distressing.

Perhaps Robert Maclennan (Lib Dem, Cathness and Sutherland) shared my disiress, yesterday afternoon. In Parliament, they don't

call it Directory Inquiries. Instead it is quaintly known as "Prime Minister's Questions". There is a long quene for these inquiries: callers are "stacked" on the Order. Paper. Mr Speaker reads out the name of the next in the queue — "Mr Robert Maclennan!" - and he is allowed to "disl". "Question Number One

This is a code reference, triggering a Question aheady listed. What the Order Paper actually says is "to ask the Prime Minister whether she will list her official engagements for Tuesday 30th January. What this means, however, is: "Ring, Ring! Is Mrs Thatcher at home?

The Prime Minister answers. She reads an extract from her office diary. What this means is: "Here I am, mate. What's your grouse?" Then you make your In-

quiry. Mr Maclennan had made his in his usual painstaking way. It was about the ambulance dispute. He wanted to explain the "justice of the ambulancemen's case". Mrs Thatcher's smile froze. thought I heard a faint

mechanical click from where she was standing. Her head jerked. I'm sure there was a

Before looking in on the crackle of static as her mouth Commons chamber yes- began to open and close with

"He - 13 - 201 - COrrect. . increase - of - between - nine - per - cent - and sixteen - point - times - per cent .: .: very - consider erable - increase." On the

voice thrummed. Could it be ... ? My question was settled when Neil Kinnock rese to make a point about church leading and the ambulance dispute

It was the word am-bulance that seemed to tra-ger the mechanism. Again. she whired into action:

And when Paul Botten (Lab, Brent S.) affered those same syllables ("am-bul-ance") the did to again. between - nine + per - cent - and

Everyone grianted that why complain? If people keep asking essentially the same mestions, why m able mental energy dream up different ways of givin Soon the technology may be available for ministers to enswer all their Questions by pared by their civil servants This would remove any risk that a minister may go off the deep end and say something he or she shouldn't.

But Angela Rumbold (a-junior Education minister) may have been too ambitions. yesterday and run ahead of technology. Dennis Turner (Lab, Wolverhampton SE) had asked about publishing Standard Assessment Tests.

"£94,000 in 1989/90 . . . Mrs Rumbold started. Damni Wrong cassette! That was the answer to the previous Question - though nobody had noticed. She started again, bhishing so deeply that at least we knew she was no machine herself.

Nor is Teresa Gorman (C, Billericay). She got halfway through a Question to Mrs Thatcher and then decided there was something else she'd forgotten to ask.

"Oh!" said Mrs Gorman to a million TV viewers, the entire House of Commons, and Mrs Thatcher - "And Euman, all too human.

Matthew Purris

Fear for 19 as storm batters ship

reported position, three miles north of the Nab Tower, an old fortification midway between Bembridge on the Isle of Wight and Hayling Island on the Hampshire coast.

The ship was bound from

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the consible definitions is correct?

By Phillip Heward

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c. A herbal finas

a. To speak affectedly b. A small pocket knife

Answers on page 20

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with 4,000 tonnes of cement. as astoundingly lucky by bubbles were sighted two The last radio contact with the coastguards after their dinghy miles from the ship's last ship was on Monday at about overturned. The men fought 5.30pm and the last sighting at 8pm, when it was seen anchored in St Helen's Roads off the Isle of Wight.

As bad weather continued to affect Britain, two sea. anglers who went fishing in a Le Havre to Southampton force eight gale were described

their way back to the dinghy, righted it, and were then blown ashore, where they landed safely in Watchtower Bay at Barry, South Wales.

About 25,000 West Country homes were still without

Blustery showers in all

AROUND BRITAIN

German unity agreed

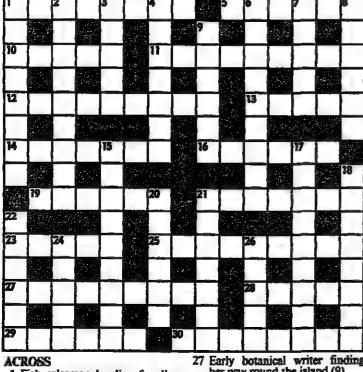
less the Government were seen to be moving towards unification - and he was careful to draw a distinction between "unification", which he defined as the coming within their present borders,

and "reunification", which he Continued from page 1 and "reunification", which he concern that public opinion said meant a return to Germasty action us- by's 1937 frontiers.

He emphasized the danger to the country's stability from the extreme right, which is attracting some support. The Soviet Union will begin talks with Hungary tomorre

together of the two states on the withdrawal of Sovie troops from its territory.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,205



- 1 Fish salesman heading for disgrace (8).
 5 Dig in six feet of water (6). 10 Eight-line poem not allowed
- 11 The author does not have a strong case here (5-4).

 12 Cold? Well, perhaps like a philosopher (9).

it's always this many (5).

- 13 Mountainous girl reveals nothing about a daughter (5).
- 14 French novelist gets rid of a fine set of baby-clothes (7). 16 One given to sacking is about to buy new machinery (6). 19 Adverse criticism by journalist
- came off (6). 21 Raleigh's was painted by Robin when young (7). 23 Hot ones cause gasps (5).

25 Suitable sort of carriage for Richard III (9).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,294

1 TABU

- her way round the island (9). 28 Made conversation, being rung
- Old silver coin, a shilling (also once a pound) (6). A longer name, perhaps, for a Moucrieff (8).
- The purse will be enough for one lecture, perhaps (8). Representation from man in a
- 3 No wild bees get fat (5). 4 Sudden change of attitude in island church (7).
- 6 Fit to fly in display before VIP 7 Hove can be perfect for this
- swell (5). O'Hara turned up on business in Titipu town (6). One of a pair and a bare King
- 15 Assume a particular form is to eat blancmange (4,5). 17 Covering unit scattered, leaving
- us isolated (2,4,3). 18 Like a very long journey? Yes, and so rough (8). Trouble had arisen in the plant
- 21 Kentish village with residential youth hostel (7). 22 Old cavalrymen write well of
- 24 A point or two about Scandina-26 Guarantee right away to succeed

Concise crossword, page 20

WEATHER

areas, perhaps rain in the South-east at first. Some showers heavy with hail or thunder, especially in western areas, but also bright or sunny spells with the best of the sunshine in eastern areas. Continuing very windy with gusts to gale force or above, especially in exposed places, and heavier showers. Temperatures will be around the seasonal normal. Outlook: Staying windy and unsettled.

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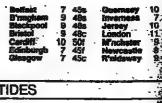
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Executive Editor David Brewerton

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Market report, page 29

Swiss loan of £135m

Swiss Bank Corporation is putting up £135 million to finance a 224 mgwt power station to be built near Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, by the Swiss company Asea Brown Boveri, which will supply electricity to the North Western Electricity Board, The station will run on natural gas supplied by British Gas. First deliveries of electricity

are expected in late 1991. Poor Aim

Aim Group shumped 63p to 210p following a downturn in pre-tex profits from £2.08 million to £1.3 million in the six months to end-October. The interim dividend stays at Tempes, page 24

Dividend up

Throgmorton Trust, which owns Framlington management group, has raised its dividend by 20 per cent to 3.18p for the year to end-November. But fully diluted net asset value fell from 102.22p to 99.26p per 5p share. Tempos, page 24

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TOURIST RATES

Receiver turns attention to Dominion's luxury Spanish property

BCI team studies flats link

By Martin Waller

Money lost by investors in the Gibraltar-based Barlow Clowes International may have been used to purchase Costa del Soi apartment property being developed by Dominion International, the financial services operation which collapsed two weeks ago.

BCI is known to have put some of the money it received from investors into property ventures in southern Spain. So far, two flats in Marbella have been identified.

Other money is thought to have gone into Dominion Beach, a luxury leisure development being built inst outside Estepona. Ernst & Young, joint receiver of

money had gone to Dominion. But Mr Ken Robinson, the partner in Gibraltar with responsibility for the BCI affair, confirmed that inquiries had already been made with lawyers and others connected with the development.

"Because they [the apartments] were all placed into individual companies, it's very difficult to find out who the beneficial holders are if they don't want to be known," he said.

It is also becoming clear that, contrary to earlier accounts, all the loans from the banks on the Dominion balance sheet were unrecovering it, to a company with a chequered City record which, at the time of the shares suspension in September, had a market capitalization of barely half that.

The main leader is the Royal Bank of Scotland, with outstanding loans of more than £30 million which have already been the subject of bad debt provisions made at the bank's financial year end. Mr Robert Maiden, managing director of the lending bank itself, yesterday refused to comment on why Dominion had been allowed to run up such a huge loan,

"Dominion have been cus-

particular customer," he said.

The Spanish development is one of the assets likely to be sold to recoup debts of more than £100 million at Dominion, once Price Waterhouse, the administrator, has

completed its review of the group. The site was acquired by Mr Max Lewinsohn, Dominion's former chairman, five years ago. Mr Lewinsohn was subsequently forced out by shareholder pressure at the annual meeting in August.

Dominion Beach was built in two phases. A second site, named Dominion Heights, is, as yet, entirely undeveloped. The Spanish

BA chief calls for a clear runway to open skies

nia Mutual Supply, a Guernsey-based company, which last week went into liquidation as a result of the collapse of Dominion.

One expert on the southern Spain property scene commented: Phase one sold well - it was a fantastic development, and marketed well in Gibraltar."

The hope is that the site can be sold as a going concern. But eyebrows have been raised on the Costa del Sol over the way the second phase of the site was developed by Dominion, Holiday property developers in Spain like to develop the second- and thirdline parts of a site - those furthest from the sea - first. In this way

view of the sea which is subsequently blocked up by the building of the first-line development.

"If you do it the other way around, people aren't going to fool themselves they can see the sea." said the property expert.

This pattern was followed successfully on phase one. But phase two, which coincided with the first signs of financial trouble at Dominion, was started with the first-line properties nearest the sea first, reducing profits eventually available. "I suspect that the reason they did it was that during the beginning of 1989 they were strapped for cash," the expert said.

CBI predicts job cuts as

Manufacturers will cut investment and jobs in the months ahead in response to the profit squeeze caused by rising costs as the economy moves close to recession, the Confederation of British Industry said yesterday.

The warning accompanied its quarterly industrial trends survey which showed the fifth decline in a row in business confidence and the sharpest quarterly fall since October

Mr David Wigglesworth, chairman of the CBP's economic situation committee, said the latest survey showed that Britain was "poised on the edge" of recession. The message for Mr John Major, the Chancellor, was that he should take action in the Budget to encourage invest-

ment in manufacturing. autumn among the 1,277 cent expect lower orders and firms surveyed. Only 27 per 21 per cent more orders.

Cent are planning to invest Output showed no increase more in the next 12 months, for the second quarter in a row compared with 35 per cent expecting to authorize less capital expenditure. The negarive balance of 8 per cent is the worst since October 1982. Mr Wigglesworth said the

investment picture showed a very dangerous trend" which threatened to cause short-term pain and crode the longer-term competitiveness of British manufacturing as the singie European market neared. He acknowledged that rec-

ord exports provided some good news, but noted that half of manufacturing industry would not benefit from it. Exports, which helped narrow the trade gap sharply last month, have recovered

firms are more optimistic about exports than four months ago. Only 10 per cent are less optimistic.

But, Mr Wiggleworth said, manufacturers were facing considerable problems. "Domestic orders are falling. Output is flat. Prices are being squeezed by competition -Manufacturers are therefore having to cut their own costs wherever possible and this is being done primarily by

reducing the numbers of employees and by holding back their investment plans." Overall demand fell for the second successive survey, though more slowly than expected. Almost one firm in three took fewer orders in the

past four months, while one in Investment intentions have four reported higher orders. In weakened further since the the next four months, 26 per and promises to stay broadly

unchanged in the coming months. Unit costs in manufacturing meanwhile appear to have eased slightly in the last four months and prices continued to rise moderately, but costs and prices are expected to increase more rap-

Of firms surveyed, 28 per cent expect to lay off workers in the next four months. Only 9 per cent expect to take on more labour. This worsening of the trend in employment expectations contrasts with sustained rises between Octosurvey. About 27 per cent of ber 1987 and last summer.

Ferranti International has an- about 7 times earnings, for the nounced it is negotiating management buyouts for its The CBI expects unemple ment to rise at about 10,000 a laser and components busimonth in the first half of this nesses, based in Dundee.

Royal defends exposure

The Royal Bank of Scotland the bank would make a 5 per has defended its £751 million exposure to leveraged buy-vision against HLT exposure. outs, and said it is prepared to fund further deals (Neil Bennett writes).

Fears over the bank's expo-sure to highly leveraged trans-actions (HLTs) forced its shares down 4p to 204p. Smith New Court, the broker, cut its profit forecast for the year to

nied there would be large pro-visions against buyout debts. He added: ""If the deal looks right, we will do it." Filings to the American SEC last September revealed Royal was involved in 219 transto £350 million, and the dividend forecast from 8.4p to 8.1p. in equity. That figure has risen, and is almost half of the substitution of the subs

Mr Kenneth Thompson,

Royal's finance director, de-

business more profitable had been hampered by a 14-week work-to-rule in the factory. The group said it would go ahead with the redundancies

Electronics division is a marginal business with turnover of about £40 million. They said Ferranti should get no more than £10 million, or £1.4 billion.

negotiations at Scots companies By Angela Mackey

The group also said it is to dismiss 130 of the 535 staff employed by Ferranti Industrial Electronics in that city.

The company, which embarked on an asset disposal programme after uncovering a £215 million fraud, said the two MBOs should be settled by the end of March. No price was given, but Ferranti said the businesses had a combined turnover of £16 million.

Ferranti said the Dundee operation had been disappointing over the past year, and that plans to make the regardless of whether or not the MBOs proceed.

Electronics industry an-alysts said the Industrial

businesses involved in the MBOs. Of that, the lasers operation, with a sales and support operation in Chicago, should fetch about £8 million. Last year, the management

of Ferranti Computer Maintenance Systems, based at Wythenshawe, Greater Manchester, had been examining an MBO, but news of Ferranti's financial problems scuppered talks. The business was sold in December to ServiceTec for £17 million.

So far, Ferranti has poten-tially raised about £360 million from asset sales. This week, it is trying to renegotiate £350 million of short-term borrowings from a syndicate of about 30 banks to enable Ferranti to cancel a £187 million rights issue and postpone an extraordinary general meeting on February 5.

• The French Government has cleared the British Aerospace (BAe) and Thomson-CSF joint venture in guided weapons, to be known as Eurodynamics The venture will create Europe's biggest

market."

Written replies to insurance inquiries within five days TSB sets up financial advice hotline

By Lindsay Cook Family Money Editor

An independent financial advice service by telephone was launched yesterday by the TSB to give impartial advice on investments.

There is available for Target, said a privatized in 1986.

able from 8 am to 5 pm on a freephone number. But unlike TSB Direct's loans service the staff manning the telephones will not be able to give an instant answer to investors.

Under the Financial Services Act the adviser will have to fill in a factfind developed by the registered intermediary to comply with guidelines of the Financial Intermediaries and Managers Regulatory Association. This will give insurance Choice the basic information with which to make product recommendations.

TSB Group has denied reports that it is actively trying to sell Target, its troubled pensions and life assurance business. But the bank admitted it may dispose of the company in the

days for the adviser to send a hard to window shop in a written recommendation to broker's office," he said the client. Mr Philip Haynes, TSB Direct managing direc-tor, said: "It would almost undermine the service if instant advice was given by

Mr Haynes estimates that four out of five sellers of insurance are no longer in-

"Customers are nervous of being sold something and face

spokesman, "and we are not hawking it around."

Research carried out for

TSB Direct had shown that people wanted to take impartial advice but did not know where to go. In the past year all phone. We will need to make a the main building societies, total market scan for each except the Bradford & Bingley, have tied to insurance companies and can sell only the products of those companies through their branches.

Westminster Bank

Target was not part of TSB's group's products under the core activities. Target was the constraints of the Financial group's first acquisition, for Services Act. For an indepen-f220 million, after it was dent subsidiary of a bank to sell the bank's products it must demonstrate they are "better than the best in the

> Mr Haynes said the service would be extended into the evenings if there was the demand. The loans service, available from 8 am to 8 pm, has found that its peak of inquiries is 10 am to noon and he expected it to be the same for Insurance Choice.

The service, which operates All the high street banks have from North London, has 10 also tied except for National people waiting for the calls. It people waiting for the calls. It expects one call in four will product recommendations. to face it tends to be a sell TSB can sell only the result in the client deciding to It will then take four to five rather than a buy. It is very group's products — including invest or buy life insurance.

Ferranti in buyout Barclays to stay open longer

By Neil Bennett

Barclays Bank has yielded to pressure from customers and is to keep almost all its branches open until 4.30 pm. But the decision was im-mediately attacked by Bifu, the banking union, which is in pay talks with the bank.

Lord King, chairman of British Airways, yesterday called on North America and Europe to "declare a policy of truly open skies." In a speech to the American Chamber of Commerce (UK) in London, Lord King (above) said the "open skies" policy proclaimed by the US authorities for domestic airlines

does not extend to foreign carriers. "We need to bury bilateralism and usher in a new era of free trade in aviation," he said.

Barclays will keep 2,300 of its branches open until 4.30 pm from April 23. This follows the lead by Lloyds

Bank in 1988. Until now

Barclays has had late opening they said had not been dis-at 200 branches, but only for cussed with them. advice and automatic services, not counter business. the bank's offer of a 7.75 per

their competitors.

Barclays said that the decision for late opening was the result of a survey of 1.5 million customers last summer, when most called for longer hours. Bifu leaders

Now the pressure is on cent pay rise linked to a job Midland and National West- evaluation package, which minster to follow the lead of could mean pay cuts for some managers.

The union recently rejected

"Bearing in mind the very low offer, this is not going to be welcome with our members in the branches," said a Bifu negotiator. The union has 18,000 members in Barclays condemned the move, which out of a total of 80,000 staff.

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Laing Properties in danger of becoming too hot to hold

gained another 14p vesterday. taking their rise over the past fortnight to 114p. At 594p, the hitherto rather sleepy Laing Props has suddenly become £350 million worth of hot

The danger is that when things hot up, someone gets burned. Investors chasing the present bid stories ever higher should bear that in mind.

This particular story has been around a long time - it is nearly 18 months since Elliott Bernerd's Chelsfield group now the owner of 15 per cent - revealed its presence. A bid premium has been in the Laing price ever since. So when the shares jump nearly 20 per cent in two weeks it is time to start wondering whether there is much value

Through his patience Mr Bernerd has made life difficult for the Laing board. He first revealed his stake in July 1988, leaving the board plenty of time to grow used to the idea that a bid might be on its way. It got the message and the company came out with an impressive revaluation for December 1988. Net asset per share rose from 417p to 644p,

a rise of more than 50 per cent. But 1989 was a very different year for property, with valuations coming under particular pressure at Laing's December year end. When the company reports in March some expect little change in the asset figure. If they are right the shares are too expensive. Over-cautious perhaps, but worth bearing in mind.

Rush & Tompkins

Rush & Tompkins left analysts very much in a guessing mood yesterday having cho-sen to play its cards close to the chest. While interim pretax profit to end-September was up from £3.32 million to

Sturge pays

£2.15m for

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Sturge Holdings, Lloyd's larg-

est managing agent, has push-

ed its capacity up by £76 mil-

lion to £1.05 billion by acquir-

ing Hall Harford Jeffreys

Langdale for £2.15 million.

Sturge's Oxford Group.

Credit move

Speyhawk, the property dev-

elopment company, has sign-

ed a £120 million revolving

credit facility, which will re-

place all the company's exist-

ing direct borrowings. The

margin on the facility -

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Shelton ahead

Martin Shelton, the USM

stationery and business gift

company, made pre-tax profits of £80,000 (£67,000) for the

six months to end-September.

on turnover of £1.3 million

(£1.02 million). The interim

dividend rises to 0.75p from

0.5p, on earnings per share of

Bristol Channel Ship Repair

suffered a pre-tax £15,657 loss

in the half year to mid

October, a recovery from the

£30,901 deficit suffered last

time. There is again no dividend.

Rowe Evans Investments is to

merge with Jitra Rubber

Plantations in a deal which

values the latter at £6.25

million. Terms are 11 new

REI shares for each 12 Jitra

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aiready held.

REI merger

Losses cut

banks — is 0.75 per cent.

turnover of £138.5 million (£110.19 million) were down from 3 per cent to 2.57 per

out pretty flat at 15.7p a share. The results reflect the sale of four developments, and as the group, whose managing director is Mr Nigel Dunnett, warns the outcome for the year will depend on whether certain sales now under negotiation are finalized. Hochtief, the West German

construction company, holds a 27 per cent stake and through the association the Germans will be given opportunities to handle infrastructure projects in Britain.

The flat interim period and the question mark over whether negotiations will be finalized in the second half sees the interim dividend held at 4p a share, payable April 6. if the second half does turn up trumps, Rush could be on

Outcome depends on sales being finalized: Nigel Dumett, of Rush & Tompkins, yesterday £3.56 million, margins on a course for year-end pre-tax most of the marked asset turnover of £138.5 million profits of £12 million (£8.3 under-performance in the year million), and at 247p therefore

to end November. Net asset value of the split offers a prospective p/e of 3.9. If second half hopes are not 5p shares after loan conversion and exercise of warrants fulfilled, then perhaps the year end result will be no more fell 2.9 per cent to 99.26p. than £6.1 million, at which That compared with a rise of about 30 per cent in the 100 level the prospective p/e is 8.2. There is no need to rush. share index. But small companies in general rose little. Throgmorton Throgmorton's foray into financial services companies after the crash, notably International City Holdings, added problems of its own.

> To compensate, earnings per share are up 11.5 per cent to 3.19p and the dividend up 20 per cent to 3.18p net, thanks to a virtually full payout. But earnings growth depended on the contribution from Framlington, taken mainly as loan interest.

That gives a dividend yield of 5 per cent at 84p with the shares selling at a discount of

by the directors' valuation of Framlington, up from £70 million to £75.7 million, and Green, which has more surprisingly been raised from £45.5 million to £50.3 million. This is based on the property

housing development have risen in market value. Long-standing City fans see recovery potential and want management to concentrate on the traditional small company portfolio, preferably with flotation or sale of the two main unquoted holdings This may be wishful thinking Avoid before annual report.

portfolio, but few quoted

groups geared to South-east

Aim Group

Once again, Aim Group is missing targets. A £1.3 million interim pre-tax profit is short of expectations, and, far from topping £5 million in the full year as some hoped, it may struggle to reach £3 million.

There can be few aircraft uppliers who could blame the housing slump for poor results, but Aim's decision to make a few bob out of surplus property has distorted recent results. Without doubled profits of £1.57 million from building, Aim would have reported a downturn last year

instead of 25 per cent growth. The damage might have been limited had the core aviation division matched up to management expectations. But Aim is having difficulty turning orders into deliveries the McDonnell-Douglas MD-11 programme slips fur-

ther behind schedule. First deliveries on the MD Il contract should be shipped next week, however, and with £60 million of aircraft orders in total, Aim's medium-term future looks promising. The immediate problems have been more than reflected in a share price slashed by 63p to 210p. They are high enough

Falcon in cost-saving mine talks

By Colin Campbell Mining Correspondent

mining operations in Zimbabwe, is having talks with "a substantial mining house" in the hope of restoring the company's viability and security.

Falcon says any proposals will require Zimbabwean government and shareholder approval, and that "the favourable conclusion" to negotiations may come within the next two months.

Falcon says improved December quarterly working resuits have helped, and the improved cash flow has assisted its creditor position. However, the bank facility remained fully utilized at December 31 and "the long term financial position continues to be of great concern."

Falcon reports a net profit Zim\$1.82 million (£475,000) for the three months ended December, compared with a comparable Zim\$949,000 loss, which lowers the net loss for the nine months to end December from Zim\$2.52 million to Zim\$627.000.

consultant commissioned by enable competition to flourish Anglo to report on the FIC, in existing activities.

Falklands government. It also proposes that the FIC should

accords with the preliminary views we had already reached for the future of FIC within

DTI puts [campaign

By Derek Harris Industrial Editor

Lord Trefgame, the trade minister, is planning to spend a further £2 million in a new phase of the Department of Trade and Industry's campaign to prepare British business for the single European

So far £13.6 million has been spent on the campaign bannered as "Europe Open for Business," of which £9 million went on television and other media advertising to heighten awareness of the single market which is due to be fully established by the end of 1992 The first phase has been

successful, with 95 per cent of businesses now realizing what the single market is all about, Lord Trefgarne said. But only half the businesses are doing anything about it through plans and preparation.

Lord Trefgarne said: "I am concerned about the many firms, particularly the smaller ones, which still have to act. saying that the single market is of little or no relevance to

It is mostly large companies which have appreciated the need for action, both to take advantage of sales opportunities in other national markets within the Community and to defend market shares in Britain as competition from the Continent increases.

About 500,000 businesse ere estimated to need activating and Lord Trefgame has asked about 175 trade associations, chambers of commerce and similar bodies to help with research and briefings.

He believes professional advisers could play a crucial role, especially bank managers, accountants, solicitors and business consultants and talks are being held with a number of professional bodies to enhance their members'

Lord Trefgame said that the DTI would be prepared possibly to loan personnel or even inject some cash if any of the organizations needed help.

The department can also supply considerable literature, videos and other source material which can help

Companies can acquire advice from the DTI's regional offices or by ringing the department's "hotline" of 01

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

£2m extra UPL shares drop 15p as group slips into red

Shares in UPL Group, the Third Market specialist food importer and distributor, fell 15p to 40p after the company revealed a pre-tax loss of £330,000 in the six months to end-July, against profits of £158,000 last time. UPL said it expects to show continuing losses in the second half.

There is a 6.55p loss per share (2.71p earnings), and the interim dividend, 1p last time, has been cancelled. Mr las Le Vesconte, the chairman, said turnover was lower, falling from £7.21 million to £6.69 million, partially due to the closure of the loss-making Andrews subsidiary at the end of the last financial year, and because of the listeria scare in late Spring-Sales were also hit by the loss of the Lavazza coffee

Anglesey

mine progress Anglesey Mining, now developing a polymetaliic (zinc and other metals) ore body at Parys Mountain, Isle of Anglesey, says it has been encouraged by development work and that the economics of the project are "sound and potentially better than thought two years ago." Financing should be concluded by the third quarter of this year and commercial pro-duction could start in 1992.

Roskel £1.8m buys Access

Roskel, the ceilings a partitioning group, has atquired Access Rental, which specializes in the hire hydrantic lifting platforms and mobile alloy towers, for £1.8 million. The purchas will be satisfied by the issue of 1.59 million Roskel dinary shares. Roskei is 2100. raising about £234,000 lags the placing of 210.537 new ordinary shares at 111p each

Ransom dividend up

benefited from the flu epidemic, which has helped to keep volumes up during the winter. Unless a recession strikes: quickly and deeply the board expects year-end results to be apon last year. Pre-tax profits for the 12 months ended March 31, 1989, were £806,000 on a turnover of £6.12 million.

In the six months to end-September, pre-tax profits rose from £307,000 to £320,000 on a turnover of £2.99 million (£2.94 million). The interim dividend rises from 0.5p to

Fisher in £4m expansion

Albert Fisher Group, the acquisitive fresh food distributor, is buying Beswicks, which produces sauces and dressings, for a maximum \$4.5 million. The initial £2.5 million will be satisfied by £1.87 million cash and the issue of 513,981 new Fisher. ordinary shares. A deferred. maximum payment of £2 million, based on future profits, will be satisfied by the

Europa grows in Australia

Europa Minerals, the British-based mining finance company has increased its Australian coal interests by adding the Mt Martha area adjacent to its Gunnedah; operations in New South Wales. Europa owns 50 per cent of Australia's Preston. Coal. Drilling indicates a large in-situ coni resource at Mt Martin which should allow Preston to lift long:

Interest bill hits Lowe

Robert H Lowe, the clothing manufacturer, has suffered a out third drop in pre-tax profits to £1 million during the year to end-October. An interest bill of £1.3 million, a rise of 230 percent, curtailed group profits on sales of £38.62 million. from £28.28 million.

Mr Derek Hill, the chief executive, gave warning that profits for the coming six months are not expected to be much better than break-even, and the shares fell 4p to 42p on the news. Earnings per share fell to 6.87p from 19.27p. A limit dividend of 0.25p makes the total for the year 1.5p (3.5p).

Falcon Mines, which has had to curtail development at its mining operations to try to for canny investors

topical incentive goes to Berry, Birch and Noble, the

USM-quoted insurance bro-

ker (65p). It offers a 10 per

cent discount on household

insurance for anyone holding

500 shares (65p).

The January sales may be Britain, prize for the most ending but incurable bargain hunters should consider diverting their energies to hunting the best shareholder perks.

This week Seymour Pierce Butterfield, the broker, publishes its annual bible on who offers what. It lists more than 200 quoted companies whose shares provide more than just the chance of capital gains and dividend income.

Retailers feature heavily. Laura Ashley, whose shares

are standing at 53p after predicting losses of £2.5 million this year, is offering shareholders a 10 per cent discount off any one item of furniture purchased.

Ratners Group (254p), the ewellery retailer headed by Mr Gerald Ratner, is giving shareholders a 10 per cent discount against all purchases. And Austin Reed Group is offering a 15 per cent discount on its clothing and sports goods in return for an investment of about £2,000. Shoppers at Burton Group (198p), which includes stores such as Debenhams and Harvey Nichols, will receive a 121/2 per cent discount if they hold a

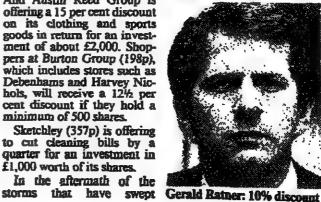
minimum of 500 shares. Sketchley (357p) is offering to cut cleaning bills by a quarter for an investment in £1,000 worth of its shares.

BET (249p) comes a close second by promising a 25 per cent discount through its An-glian Window subsidiary on all double-glazing and new conservatories.

If you are thinking of moving house, Barratt Developments (185p) offers a £500 discount for every £25,000 spent on a new home for holders of at least 1,000

Harry Ramsden's new issue have had the chance to have their fish cakes and eat them. Shareholders in the world-

People who took part in the



On the subject of fun, manyleisure groups offer a range of perks. If you fancy a 15 per cent discount on the price of a QE2 cruise, buy 500 Trafalgar House shares (338p)...

renowned Yorkshire chippy. (106p) receive 20 per cent off

meals between Monday and

Thursday. And from Easter, it

promises to organize special

shareholder parties in Guise-ley, attended by sporting and

Those who resisted the

temptation to gobble up prof-

its in the water share issue:

have bonus shares or reduc-

tions in the next two instal-

If the perks sound too good

to be true, Mr Ian Hume, of

Seymour Pierce, offers sound

advice - do not let the tail wag

the dog. "Shares should be picked on investment grounds

first, then, if all things are

equal, go for shares with a bit

of fun attached."

ments to look forward to.

entertainment personalities.

Lastly, tennis enthusiasts can guarantee themselves twocentre-court seats for the whole of the Wimbledon fortnight, plus private lounge facilities, through purchasing £500-worth of All England Club debentures; the present: set have only this season to run and cost £9,000 a pair. Concessionary Discounts 1990, £2.50, Seymour Pieros-Butterfield, 10, Old Jewny London EC2R 8EA

Ten-year climb from 'north American Aeroflot' to one of the most efficient carriers

13,000 shares, unit trusts and bonds.

the general situation can be found by ringing 0898 121220. Items of company news are on 0898 121221, while the prices of shares actively trading in the market may be found by ringing 0898 121225. Telephone calls are charged at a rate of 38p per minute in peak times and

D Y Davies up by 25% By Philip Pangalos

Trust

After two years of virulent takeover disputes, resigna-

tions and management

changes, it is hard to think of

Throgmorton Trust as an

investment trust. Yet the tra-

ditional concentration on

small company portfolio

investment - rather than the

third of assets tied up in the

unquoted Framlington invest-

ment group and R Green

Pre-tax profits at D Y Davies, the Unlisted Securities Market architectural services group, advanced by 25 per cent to £633,000 in the six months to end-October, on turnover up 15 per cent to £5.5 million.

Earnings per share rise from 5.8p to 7.0p, and the interim names, increasing Sturge's total to 2,622. Sturge now dividend is 1.8p, against 1.5p. Mr David Davies, the chairaccounts for 10.5 per cent of man, said that continuing high Lloyd's underwriting capacity. interest rates make 1990 a HHIL will become part of difficult year to predict.

"I am optimistic that the company will see a reasonable growth into the next financial year," Mr Davies said.

The forecast for the future workload looks strong but the collanse in the residential and retail market will have a knock-on effect, despite the company's very limited exposure in this sector.

Davies says it will continue to develop its expertise in health care and leisure design. which are the growth areas in the market at present.

After the recent association with a Paris practice, the company announced three further European associations with practices in Rome, Brussels and the Algarve.

Mr Davies felt this was a better way of exploring European opportunities, than outright acquisition.



Deeper into European associations: David Davies yesterday

Anglo urged to survey Falklands land

By Jeremy Andrews

Anglo United, the coal merchant which acquired the Falkland Islands Company when its £478 million bid for Coalite went through last summer, has been urged to undertake a mineral survey of its land holdings there.

after Anglo's inability to persuade an independent committee to undertake the task.

the FIC now only owns 27 per minerals are found.
cent of the farmland, it has a While it argues hold over fishing, retailing and transport. ERL suggests suggests that if the mineral The call comes from the FIC should concentrate its survey proves negative, the for the future of Environmental Resources, the activity in new fields, to FIC should sell its land to the the Anglo Group."

It is proposed that FIC carry out a mineral survey and

undertake feasibility studies ERL points out that while for commercial exploitation if

While it argues against divestment of the FiC, ERL enter the construction and property development field. Mr David McErlain, chairman of both Anglo and FIC, said: "ERL have produced a robust report, which closely

Joke is on rivals as Air Canada spreads its wings

By A Correspondent

Ten years ago, when Canadians referred to Air Canada as the "People's Airline", they meant it was the north American equivalent of Aeroflot. Now, it is one of the more efficient carriers in one of the world's most competitive airline

Superficially, Air Canada is a British Airways clone: governmentowned until two years ago when it began to be privatized, against union wishes, with the final tranche being sold last June. The shares sold well enough that they doubled from their initial Can\$7 launch price. Like BA, it has been pretty

efficient in stamping on its rivals. In

the last few months, it has waged

such a successful war in the Ca-

nadian market against charters that

two, of them have been forced to

close down, and just as BA saw off British Caledonian, so Air Canada has been ruthless with Wardair. Mr Pierre Jean Jeanniot, president and chief executive officer of

Air Canada, said: "Wardair decided to take on Air Canada on what was Air Canada's main business. We had to have a fight." Last year, Wardair, with losses of Can\$100 million a year, was sold to

Canadian Airlines, the other major Canadian carrier, and is struggling to integrate its activities - giving Mr Jeanniot some wry satisfaction. But Mr Jeanniot is quick to draw

the differences between the two privatized airlines. "We were never as inefficient as

BA because we had to compete with

American Airlines - being so close

to the United States we couldn't be

isolated - and we never had the

kind of jobs that could be climinated

last few weeks, Air Canada has experienced the downside of being associated with other north American airlines. When they fall, so does Air Canada. This has been a horrendous

winter for the airlines, with fuel costs rising by 40 per cent and it has begun to be reflected in third- and fourth-quarter US airline results both Delta and North American show declines. Air Canada, after a 70 per cent third-quarter income increase, will show a very modest improvement for the final quarter. The full-year figure may show a

Can\$3 profit per share, more than double that in 1980, but this will be due to an extraordinary profit of Can\$128 million (£64 million) following the reduction of its stake in Guinness Peat Aviation. Mr Jeanniot has been able to offer

market has shrunk in Canada by about 4-5 per cent during 1989 and we see it flat in 1990." Air Canada has been gearing up for this recession with measures which include cutting the number of

flying hours, dropping 10 cities from its network and sacking 500 nonunion employees. It is also building up a Ca\$500 million cash mountain which has helped bring gearing down from 73

per cent to 39 per cent. Mr Jeanniot plans to ride out 1990 and look to 1991. Then, the routes to Japan which he has requested should come through and it could help make Singapore a mini-hub serving Korea, to which Air Canada already has rights, and

Japan via India and Europe. Air Canada also intends to try to expand its north American and

does not see much scope for expansion in eastern Europe although Air Canada has the right to fly into most east European capitals.

Europe is likely to prove a complicated market with what looks like the development of three airline blocks - BA/KLM/Sabena; Air France/Lufthansa; and SAS/Swiss Air. Jeanniot said: "We are actively working to make sure that if these block develop they do not shut us out of Europe."

Mr Jeanniot said size was not the only dimension. "We are about a third of most American carriers but we compete very well. We think we are the best airline in north America when it comes to the business class." Ten years ago, had Air Canada made that boast, most Canadians would of labelled it as the joke of the year. Now, is a very serious statement.

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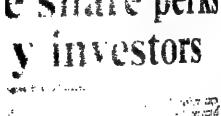
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By Michael Tate, Deputy City Editor

million on an Australian just Aus3.5 cents.

ction group where receivers due in March. It will be treated as an extraordinary charge.

stake in Girvan, a Sydney- to thrive. based developer and con- News tractor which is the latest in a string of Australian companies to run into financial problems because of heavy debts, high interest rates and a slowdown in the economy.

Girvan, which reported profits of just Aus\$4 million (£1.83 million) last year, against Aus\$36 million previously, joined the Australian market through a reverse takeover engineered by Mr Paul Petersen, a Sydney property developer, in September 1987. only weeks before the global stock market crash.

Three months later, with its shares languishing at Aus90 cents against a pre-crash Aus\$1.25, Beazer moved in to take a 17.5 per cent stake, which has been subsequently diluted. But when Girvan's board asked the Australian ment" in Girvan.

profits

warning

By Colin Campbell

Rush & Tompkins, property

developer and contractor, has

issued a warning that the

profits outlook in its year to

end-March depends on nego-

tiations over certain joint

venture developments now

For the six months to September 30 Mr Nigel

Dunnett, managing director, reported pre-tax profits of £3.56 million against £3.32

million. Turnover was £138.5

million (£110.2 million) and

Mr Dunnett said the invest-

ment property climate was not

selling assets at a discount.

the sale of four developments.

projects underway in Scotland and the north of England, and

further progress was made in

the Bahamas, but market con-

ditions in the United States

Lisbon has recently been

Hochtief of West Germany

There was strong growth in

The first half results reflect

the interim stays at 4p.

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remain difficult.

nearing completion.

Beazer, the West Country-based housebuilding and con-struction group, has lost £29 they were changing hands at

It was only the second time The collapse of Girvan Beazer had backed a man it Corp, the Australian constru- admired, a spokesman said. "The other one was Mr Roger were appointed yesterday, will Shute, at BM Group, which mean a £29 million write-off has been a big success." The in the Beazer interim results, group, where Mr Brian Beazer is chairman and chief executive, said its mainstream Beazer has a 14.5 per cent Australian interests continued

News of the provision clipped 7p off the Beazer price at 157p. The shares have been out of favour since the group launched its \$1.7 billion bid for Koppers two years ago. However they have come up from 125p recently on reported buying from the US. The cost of buying Koppers has given rise to concern am-

ong some analysts over Beaz-er's level of debt, which was £1.3 billion at the end of last June, equivalent to 103 per cent of shareholders' funds. Profit forecasts for Beazer. which reported pretax profits of £142.5 million for the full year ended June 30, range from £100 million to £125 million for this year.

The company said it would take the £29 million charge as a "full provision for its invest-



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Brian Beazer: his company backed a man it admired

Tompkins Next's final large disposal as Germans buy Biba for £47m

By Gillian Bowditch

group of European investors million profits.
for £47.6 million.

Mr Jones sa

It is the last major disposal Next intends to make under the strategy of returning to its core British fashion retailing

Mr David Jones, Next's chief executive, said he was delighted with the sale and the price achieved. The money raised will go towards reducing borrowings and should bring them down to £160 million and gearing down to 40 per cent.

Biba has been bought by rosy because of uncertainty Hapeni Portfolio Company, a over interest rates, and that if secretive group of German current talks were not conprivate investors using a Swiss bank. The £47.6 million pur-chase price includes £2.9 milcluded before the year end, second haif results could be He added that despite the lion of inter-company debt present climate the group owed to Next. would not be rushed into

Next, the high street fashion ladies fashion shops, has £3.1 Stores for £325 million after group, has sold Biba, its million of assets. In the year to outhidding Mr Gerald Ratner, German retail chain, to a January, 1989, Biba made £7.9 the jeweller, in 1987, CES had Mr Jones said Biba had

been up for sale for three months but that the final negotiations were completed within a fortnight. Next acquired Biba when it

bought Combined English



Biba, which operates 60 David Jones: price delight

purchased the chain three years carlier.

Next intended Bibs to be the launch pad for its expansion into Europe.

But after the company gave warning in December, 1988, that profits would fall significantly - and Mr George Davies, then chief executive, was ousted in a boardroom comp — the group decided to sell off non-core businesses. Mr Jones said yesterday

that Next Interiors was performing well and would stay within the group — but with more of the sales being made through Next Directory, the mail order business. The latest Directory has been out for two weeks and Mr Jones said the response so far had been "very positive."

Next shares rose 1p to 91p.

Fraud blow for Microgen

An £839,000 fraud added insult to the injury of 28 per cent worse pre-tax profits - at £7.2 million — for Microgen in

the year ending October. The group is investigating opportunities in Europe and The computer services company said it appeared to have has won work for a major been "subject to a deliberate office park development in and systematic fraud." Hamburg. Also, planning per-mission for an office block in

The large provision was made as an extraordinary item in the results, after an investigation by the auditors. The circumstances are being investigated by police.

holds an effective 27 per cent stake in Tompkins, and the Mr Douglas Lee, a director, German group is to undertake said the fraud problem is over infrastructure projects in the UK. Singapore Land holds a because the source of the problem has been stopped. The company hopes some of further 15 per cent stake in Tompkins. The shares rose 2p the money will be recovered. to 247p. Tempes, page 24 Mr Patrick Barbour, chair-

By Jeremy Andrews man, said the main cause of by a high proportion of trade the profits collapse was that being repeat business. A final the group had outgrown its management structure. We should have antici-

peted much earlier that we

needed additional and different management skills to run the cularged business effectively. Microgen was hit by £1.5

million worth of re-organization costs in the period. Imagen, its laser printing

s, made a substantial loss of £400,000, and is due to be sold in the next few weeks. Mr Barbour said the 14 per cent increase in group turn-over to £45.07 million demoustrated the fundamental

total to 6.7p, compared with 6.5p last year. However, earnings per share fell from 17p to

Microgen shares fell 4p to 121p on the results. Mr Jerry Crowley, analyst at

Laurence Prust, Microgen's own broker, said: "What with one thing and another, the company is undoubtedly feeling punch-drunk."

He is, nevertheless, keeping his forecast for profits this year at £9 million.

This implies earnings per share of 14.75p and means the stock could yield 7.2 per cent strength of Microgen, helped at the current price.

Return to company of Woolfs

Fredia Woolf, head of UK equity sales to Europe at Hoare Govett, the broker, will this evening be hanging up her pin-striped suit - and saying a final farewell to her near-sixfigure package of salary and perks. Woolf, aged 35, with Hoares for 18 months, and a stockbroker - previously with Phillips & Drew, Laing & Cruickshank, and then Pru-Bache - for nine years in total, has decided to sacrifice it all so that she can spend more time with her son, Matthew, aged two. She explained: "I want to spend more time with my young family - and I want a chance to reconsider my career." Debating the difficulties that career women now face, she added: "I want to find a better balance between the demands of a family and the demands of a career, and to do that I have decided to jump completely away from a structured career. It doesn't allow enough flexibility. There are no role models for women of our generation - we are the front line and have to forge a path for ourselves. On the one hand, you don't want to ruin your children during their developmental years, but on the other, you don't want to spend the rest of your life carrying Sainsbury bags to and fro," Woolf, whose husband

Clifford is a neuro-biologist at

University College London, is

now considering a move into

consultancy work. "I'm open

to suggestions," she con-



Scandinavian swap

& Drew, the broker, continues apace - with four London

based salesmen due to join the firm from rival Pru-Bache in a month's time. Led by Ola Carle, the team of four - three Swedes and one Italian - also comprises Anders Lindell, Jan Larsson and Francesco believe that the European Mancarda. Nick Bannister, who is head of the firm's international sales, said: distribution of equity "Their main client base is products,"

expand on that and they will supplement and strengthen our existing team — selling European equities to continental European institutions. Their recruitment emphasizes the fact that our European equities side is growing. We client tuse will become more important in terms of the

Lunch was off Given the bad corporate blood between Tony Berry, the former chairman of Blue Arrow, and Mitchell Fromstein, the current chairman, it is surprising to learn that they still talk



to each other. But Fromstein in London this week for Blue Arrow's year-end results, confessed that he and Berry "had bumped into each other" just after Christmas in a shopping mall in Florida, where both have a holiday villa, and had spoken for about 30 minutes. They had not seen each other since Blue Arrow's annual meeting at the Savoy Hotel in April, since when a lot of legal water has passed under the bridge. "Whatever did you say to each other?" a colleague queried. "We spoke a little about the circumstances that led to the troubles, and other odd things," Fromstein said, adding "I bear him no ill will." "Did you invite each other for lunch?" my man persisted. Fromstein, with a broad and diplomatic smile, replied: "Perhans it was just as well both of us had already

Odourless orders A tiny North Yorkshire com-

pany set up by four fathers a

year ago claims to have a product that many a City slicker could well use - socks which never smell. The socks are the brainchild of David Leadley, managing director of Mohair Product Producers, which is based in the village of Wykeham, near Scarborough in Yorkshire, within the grounds of the estate of Lord Downe (a one-time non-marine broker at Lloyds). Made from mohair, from angora goats, the socks apparently absorb moisture, allow air to circulate around the feet and do not matt like wool and nylon. Established by the four men, in conjunction with two mill owners, the company has not yet finished its first year's accounts, but turnover is expected to be about £50,000 they made more than 10,000 pairs of socks last year at £4.50 pair. Caroline Nash, a director at MPP, said: "We just wanted to diversify away from farming and produce something new and different. The socks, which we are calling Wellie Socks, work because of the special properties of mohair. I'm just about to wash a pair that my husband has owned up to

wearing for a week - and there is absolutely no smell." The company, which sells the socks from a converted barn. is now being inundated with orders. Consequently, it is zbout to undertake a large investment programme designed to increase its produc-

Carol Leonard

in sales talks with Elf By Derek Harris Industrial Editor

Amoco

Negotiations have started for the sale of Amoco's British downstream activities, includine 250 petrol stations, to Elf

Aquitaine of France.

No value has yet been placed on the deal, but it would be substantial, given that it would include Amoco's 70 per cent stake in a Milford Haven refinery in South Wales where Murco is its partner. Five product terminals and a pipeline would also form part of the deal. It would suit the strategies

of both companies to clinch the deal. Chicago-based Amoco has for some time been pursuing a policy of divestment of downstream activities in all its overseas operations and the British involvement has been the last to survive. Its sale has long been expected.
The 250 petrol stations

account for a market share of about 2 per cent, which Amoco sees as too small in a sector dominated by a few big players. Amoco has decided to stay in the downstream businesses in the United States. Elf would, however, finish up with 700 petrol outlets and a market share of at least 14 per

Moreover, Elf is keen to expand its activities in refining and petrol sales and is believed to be looking at acquisition prospects else-where. It also has substantial North Sea interests, its four main activities being oil and gas production, refining and marketing, chemicals and health, and hygiene products. Elf has a 25 per cent stake in Enterprise Oil, of Britain, but has countered speculation that it might bid for the rest by

saying that the holding is simply a "financial" one. Within the British operation of Amoco - a leading gas producer and rated number four in North Sea exploration and production - hydrocarbon production will remain its biggest business, with further expansion being planned.

Amoco would also retain its chemical production activities and two polypropylene fabrics factories at Dundee, Tayside, and Consett, County Durham.

Elf is estimating its 1989 turnover at Fr145 billion (£15.1 billion), against Fr126.1 billion. Estimated profits were up 40 per cent, but mainly because of an exceptional item amounting should be about the same as that for the previous year.

COMMENT

Professor Smith does it the Weinstock way

series of alliances, some, it must be said, forged under pressure from disgruntled ventures with German, North American and French companies have placed the defence operation now coagulating British group much more firmly on to around GEC and Siemens. an international plane and transformed its prospects.

BAe's confirmation that it will create the largest missile business in Europe through a merger of its own operations with those of the French Thomson-CSF is another piece of the jigsaw dropping into place. On one level, this can be viewed as a safety-first move - the defence business has been shrinking anyway, and has certainly become tougher even before the apparent end of the cold war in Europe. But there is no doubt that the combined business will enjoy economies in research and development, marketing and eventually, manufacturing too. It will certainly have the clout to go for business head-to-head with the biggest of the US competitors. These Pentagon suppliers are likely to become more aggressive bidders overseas if President Bush continues to apply the so-called "peace bonus" outside his defence budgets.

Viewed from the other side of the Channel, the link will bring Thomson into a market from which it has been

rofessor Roland Smith may not be chances to win Ferranti's European entirely flattered by the compari-British Aerospace what Lord Weinstock has done for GEC. The market perception of GEC has been transformed to tion of GEC has been transformed by a national links and late last year purchased the defence operations of the Dutch giant Philips. Together the two City institutions. Nevertheless, joint men look set to build a heavyweight European rival to the other large-scale

> BAe has other hopes in Europe. Professor Smith is an unashamed admirer of Edzard Reuter, who heads West Germany's Daimler-Benz, BAe's partner in a number of joint ventures. Indeed BAe shares were on the move yesterday, fired by thoughts that Daimler might soon cement those relationships with a cross-shareholding. purchased in Germanic style at the £8.50-per-share asset value rather than the 542p market price.

> BAe's courtship with Daimler may take some time to reach fruition. The relationship is complicated by Rover's collaboration with Honda. But in the long run, the two would make a powerful combination.

BAe has already moved a long way from the days when its lifeblood flowed from Whitehall in the shape of MoD contracts. Defence already accounts for less than half of sales. Motors and property have appeared in the portfolio and civil aircraft have assumed much greater significance. But if BAe's chairman has his way there is much more relargely excluded. Thomson fluffed its shaping to come.

Boardroom gloom deepens The squeeze on high street sales has last too long, just to make absolutely sure.

Budget quarterly survey reveals the sharpest drop in confidence among manufacturers since 1980 and the worst expectations about future investment another confidence measure - since 1982. The CBI has not held back on these comparisons with the great early eighties slump. It wants to impress on a new Chancellor that the pasty medicine has had the desired effect and that Mr Major ought to switch his prespcription to a gentle reviving tonic.

The good news to back this claim is that exports are much rosier - in contrast to the home market. The bad news, which will ring more bells at the Treasury, is that more firms expect unit costs to rise over the next four months than at any time since early 1982. Large firms do not seem so worried about this as smaller companies, which accept rather than set pay rises, but this does not appear to accord with the CBI call for Government to leave pay to professionals.

The danger with the squeeze, as with after the 1987 market crash, is that it will share the pains of the economy

fed through to business confidence with a vengeance. The CBI's precredit and fiscal policy, he has a long way to go and the business will face more pain. He must, however, be tempted to do so. Getting the inflation figure right down as early as possible is crucial to the Government's electoral strategy. Action on domestic demand does not seem sufficient to achieve this quickly.

In the run-up to the Budget, it is no surprise that industry is piling on the agony. The CBI wants further supposed supply side aids, such as investment incentives throught the tax system. But Mr Major will not be eager to make a Uturn on one his predecessor's best achievements - rationalization of the tax system.

Thus far, confidence has suffered more than sales and output - the opposite of that earlier recession. Should industry's mental gloom prove more than seasonal, then the outlook for profits of domestically oriented companies, downgraded in the City in the autumn, will have to be Nigel Lawson's loosening of the reins reassessed again and share prices could



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Acquisitions avert interim Dutch buy for NatWest CLF slides fall at Goodhead Group

half profits after a decline in can't have a completely local newspaper advertising straight line." and squeezed margins at the company's design business.

Pre-tax profits edged up 2 per cent to £2.75 million in the six months to November on turnover up a quarter at £38

Fully-diluted earnings per 10.2p, although the interim dividend is to be maintained

Mr Colin Rosser, the chairthought it was a good performance in the circumstances. He added: "Over the last five tional start up costs of tract printing, which normally any upturn in the economy."

Goodhead reported that the Canadian local newspapers. bought for Can\$13.8 million (£6.9 million) in May, and Essex Products, which specializes in newspaper "readerproducts and was acquired for up to £2.5 million share slipped 2 per cent to in August, are performing well ahead of expectations.

The underlying downturn in profits from its existing inesses was no more than man of Goodhead, said he £200,000, as the new heatset press installed at Portbury in Bristol had incurred excep-

Group, averted a fall in first- nual rate of 30 per cent. You free local newspapers in tained. The company is one of Britain, but profits from this those chosen to print the first business were down by between 20 and 30 per cent because of cutbacks in advertising by retailers and estate

> and car advertising were holding up well in the Home Countries

Profits were also lower in the design operation. The rise of a third in the number of clients was not sufficient to offset the fall in margins from 25 per cent to between 10 and 15 per cent.

The contribution from con-

A £450,000 contribution from years, earnings per share have £150,000. The group is the accounts for half of Good-acquisitions at Goodhead increased by an average an-eleventh largest publisher of head's profits, was mainsix issues of the Sunday Independent.

Profits in its paper division, which buys newsprint for its own use and for other printers, However, situations vacant rose as a result of aggressive

> The company expects profits for the full year to be 50 per cent up on last time.

> Without commenting on the full-year outlook for the group as a whole, Mr Rosser said: "The steps we have taken should ensure that all our businesses will be stronger and more efficient and ready for

amount for goodwill, thereby

National Australia also

its were downgraded to Aa3 from Aa2, its subordinated purchase of Yorkshire Bank debt to Al from Aa3 and the was a factor in the down- rating of non-cumulative preference stock to a2 from a1.

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said his bank's creditworthiness remained "sound" in spite of the Moody's downgrading, which he attributed to Australia's "deteriorating



to continue its expansion into Europe with the acquisition of Lloyd, an insurance subsidiary a majority stake in Van of Commercial Union, and the Lanschot, a Dutch bank (Neil Bennett writes).

NatWest confirmed it is in advanced talks to buy a 40 per cent holding in Van Lanschot from Rabobank Nederland, the Dutch agricultural bank. This would take its stake to 80

Rabobank wants to sell its shares because Lanschot does not fit in with its core rural base. But the deal will need aimost unanimous approval of increasing its holding since it

Commitment to Europe: Lord Alexander made his first appearance as chairman in Brussels first bought 25 per cent in National Westminster Bank is Lanschot's minority shareholders, which include Delta

> Van Lanschot family. With 20 branches and assets of 7.25 billion guilders (£2.26 billion), Van Lanschot is Holland's fifth largest bank. although a long way behind the larger four. In 1988, it made net profits of F127.3.

Its speciality is banking for rich people, It is the equivalent of Coutts in Britain - also owned by NatWest.

NatWest has been steadily

The acquisition, for an un-

disclosed amount, highlights the bank's comm ectal Europe.

This was shown earlier this month when Lord Alexander of Weedon, the bank's new chairman, chose Brussels for his first public appearance after a meeting with Sir Leon Britain, the EC competition

NatWest already has a controlling stake in Banco NatWest March in Spain which has 170 branches

to trading

By Our City Staff

Trading in the shares of CLF Yeoman, the Irish equipment and vehicle lessor, resumed yesterday after the company announced that the tax loophole covering its existing Luxembourg borrowings will

last another four years. CLF said the Luxembourg authorities had confirmed that the tax treatment applying to its existing financing - under which interest payments are made in the form of dividends, which are not taxed once in the bands of the lenders - will continue until December 1994.

The company, which an-alysts believe relies for up to half its finance on such arrangements, said the group's profits from its existi Luxembourg transactions had been placed on a very secure

Nevertheless, CLF Yeoman shares fell to 110p on the news, compared with 135p at the time of their suspension.

Dudley ahead

Dudley Jenkins, the mailing list group, improved pre-tax profits by a third to £321,000 in the six months to end-October on sales of £3.81 million, against £2.67 million in the same period last year. The interim dividend rises 20 per cent to 1.2p, on earnings per share of 4.31p, up from last time's 3.19p.

Ratings slip for two Australian banks cerns about the domestic loan owns the Clydesdale Bank in managing director of Westpac,

From David Tweed, Sydney Two of Australia's biggest banks, the National Australia and Westpac Banking Corp have defended the quality of their loan books after United States rating agency Moody's Investors Service Inc downgraded their long term credit

Moody's said the downgrading, which will affect US\$3.2 billion (£1.9 billion) in long term debt, reflected con-

portfolios in the face of a Scotland, and Northern Bank slowing Australian economy. in Northern Ireland. The ratings agency also said

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This was because the pur-chase price included a large reducing the National Australia's adjusted net worth.

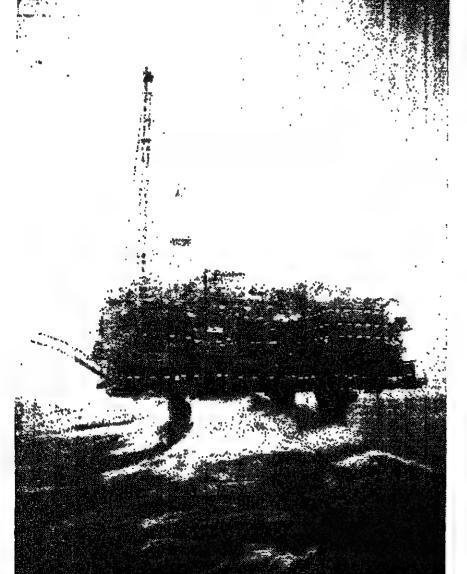
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And scientists all over Europe were arguing over who had actually invented the process we now call galvanizing (after an Italian - Galvani - who had discovered the apparent life-giving effect of combining two metals during an experiment with dead frogs in 1786).

While the scientists squabbled, British manufacturers quietly beat the world in developing it commercially.

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nities," said one analyst. As a result, small gains among blue chip issues schieved in the first minutes of

bond fell. The Dow Jones industrial average, which closed down 5.85 points at 2,553.38 on schieved in use this training trading on technical buying Monday, was down a further were suickly lost.

Monday, was down a further 2.48 points at 2,550.90 in early Traders said concerns about trading.

Mr de Pass said the

STOCK MARKET

Wellcome progress with raises Colonnade FDA on anti-Aids drug

able impression on the US Food and Drug Administration in its attempt to have Retrovir, the anti-Aids drug, prescribed to all sufferers.

The FDA advisory panel has agreed to the proposals but Mr Jonathan de Pass, pharmacentical analyst at BZW, the broker, says there is still a long way to go before final ap-proval is given.

The committee has expressed reservations about the lack of information on the long term efficacy and side effects of the drug on sufferers. At present, the drug is only prescribed to patients with full-blown Aids symptoms.

"I'm almost certain Retrovir will be approved," he said and is sticking with his original forecast for a 75 per cent increase in sales of the drug in the current year.

Wellcome share price, up 2p at 724p, was already discounting much of the news and reckoned it would be another couple of years before the full benefits were felt by the group, The rest of the equity market was unsettled with share prices fluctuating in narrow limits throughout the session. The FT-SE 100 lost a lead of 5.2 to finish 6.8 down at 2.322.0. The FT index of top 30 shares also fell 10.9 to 1,853.0 with turnover touching almost 500 million shares. But most of the activity was confined to market-makers selling stock in order to take a position in the Traded Options market. Hoare Govett is

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND: 210 Analysts lower their sights Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan

A dull start to trading on options. The market takes the Wall Street ahead of the next view a full bid could be on the bond auction failed to provide way, although the share price any incentive. has already risen sharply in

rored a nervous US bond market replacing gains of £¼ with losses stretching to £½. There were some befty mark-downs in the property sector although selling pres-

Government securities mir-

up some of Monday's speculative gains falling 4p to 204p worried by a report in The Times that its exposure to leveraged buy-outs was £751

of its corporate clients Domin-

Among the clearing banks,

Royal Bank of Scotland gave

recent weeks.

RTZ remained a dull market sliding 15p to 510p after a series of profit downgradings. But Kleinwort Benson, the broker, has calculated a net asset value of more than 800p a share and says the price does not look overvalued. Earnings growth this year is unlikely to be exceptional but 1991 should see the uptrend reestablished as metal prices continue to recover.

haugh fell 20p to 450p, Priest Marians 30p to 265p and Land Securities 9p to 496p. Only Percy Bilton resisted the trend jumping 36p to 461p. Bid hopes continued to drive Laing Properties higher with the price adding 14p at 594p. believed to have transacted a Chelsfield, the private propcontracts erty company with 15 per cent Court, the stockbroker, re-

sum owed is equivalent to almost half of the group's shareholder funds. Smith New

current year from £388 mil-lion to £350 million and for next time around by £26 million to £400 million. It has also lowered its estimate of dividend payments.

TSB Group firmed 1p to 140p helped by reports that the group is looking to sell Target, its troubled pensions and life assurance business. Target has denied the reports.

The "big four" clearing banks recovered from an early mark-down with institutions again picking-up stock ahead of next month's dividend season. Barclays Bank rose 8p to 567p, Midland Bank 5p to 384p, National Westminster Bank 6p to 345p and Lloyds Bank 6p to 297p.

Thorn EMI continued to make headway with a rise of 14p to 793p. Mutual Funds, the US investment house, has built up a 2 per cent stake and may continue adding to it.

Racal Electronics was an early feature touching 222p before closing unchanged at 219p, with more than 14 million shares traded before the start of official business.

But GEC lost some of its recent shine as attempts by some brokers to drive the price higher showed signs of running out of steam. It ended the session op cheaper at 234p. Beazer, the construction

million. The news emerged after the recent collapse of two group, fell 7p to 157p after announcing extraordinary charges of £29 million in the ion International and Response, a subsidiary of the wake of Girvan, the Austratroubled Coloroll Group. The lian developer and contractor, going into receivership, Beazer had a 14.5 per cent stake in

Nikkei up 41 points in quiet trading Tokyo (AP Dow Jones) - Stocks closed

slightly firmer in quiet trading with the Nikkei rising 41.97 points to 37,215.67. Volume on the first section was estimated at 450 million shares, in line with 430 million shares on the previous day.

Advancing shares led declining shares by 546 to 372, while 200 issues remained unchanged. The Tokyo Stock Price Index (Topix) of all issues listed in the first section, which gained 25.61 points Monday, was up 4.46 points, or 0.16 per cent, at 2,741.22.

● Sydney - On the first trading day after a three-day holiday, the market rose as gold issues continued to rally on a strong

gold price and weaker Australian dollar. political uncertainty and volatility in The All-Ordinaries Index closed up 11 overseas markets continued to sap points at 1,695.8.

Brokers said share prices opened firmer, led by gold and mining issues. Then news that National Australia Bank and Westpac Banking Corporation have been downgraded by credit-rating agency Moody's Investor Services triggered a sharp pullback.

Turnover eased to 118 million shares valued at Aus\$200 million (£90.7 million) Share price rises outnumbered falls by 211 to 130.

● Hong Kong - Share prices ended mostly lower in sluggish trading as local market sentiment.

The Hang Seng Index fell 8.06 points to close at 2,760.80, while the broader All-Ordinaries Index eased 4.31 to Turnover remained sparse at HK\$519

million (£39.4 million). Singapore - Share prices closed higher following Tokyo's lead. The Straits Times industrial index rose 28.61 points

Frankfurt - The DAX index finished the day at 1,812.90, up just 1.35 points from the previous finish at 1,811.55.

Sale of TIP stake holdings to £7m

By Jeremy Andrews

managed by British & Commonwealth and facing an £8.2 million bid from Stratagem, has sold its stake in TIP Europe for £1.55 million.

This means Colonnade's holdings of cash and gilts is now £7.08 million, equivalent to 140p per share allowing for the 3.2p dividend still to be paid for last year.

Colonnade said the 163p cash offered by Plusflow, Stratagem's bidding vehicle, was inadequate. It advised investors to take no action and await the board's own proposals for liquidating the trust.

Mr Bernard Kerrison, Stra- 4.5 per cent to 18.1 per cent.

Colonnade Development tagem's chairman, argued that Capital, the investment trust Colonnade's portfolio was less liquid than might have been expected. "I think that makes our offer of 163p cash now look even more generous."

Local authority pension funds, including Merseyside, South Yorkshire and Derbyshire, are leading shareholders in Colonnade, and Stratagem clarified press reports by confirming it had initially received expressions of support for its bid from holders of 42.7 per cent of the shares. However, it subsequently bought stakes totalling 13.6 per cent of Colonnade from these shareholders, taking its own stake from

Partridge Arts at £3m

WORLD MARKET INDICES

£2.3 million. Sales were £12.8 million, up from £9.8 million below their placing price.

Partridge Fine Arts, the New and earnings per share 11.8p. Bond Street antiques dealer up from 8.54p. The final dividend is 0.75p. The board placing in September, made says trading so far is encouragpre-tax profits of £3.2 million ing and it believes the comfor the year to October against pany is well placed to grow, £2.3 million. Sales were £12.8 The shares rose 3p to 125p, 5p

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Heavies show off their Sunday best

very existing quality Sunday newspaper was on its best behaviour at the weekend. Each revealed something of its true character. The Sunday Correspondent (64 pages in two sections plus colour magazine, 60p), in only its twentieth issue, had a real, old-fashioned scoop - a report of a conversation between a Lebanese woman journalist and a Hezbollah guard about the conditions in which the hostage John McCarthy is being held in Beirut. The Sunday Times (122 pages in six sections plus a colour supplement containing a cartoon section, 60p) almost swamped its readers with information, features and the outpourings of a squadron of columnists, leavened by an excellent Insight revelation on the manner in which some hospital consultants appear to be cheating the National Health Service to the advantage of their private practices. The Sunday Telegraph (64 pages in two sections, plus a film and television magazine, 50p) concentrated on news to good effect, while its Worsthornian enclave included a typically bitchy

profile of Anthony Sampson, whose riveting television series about money has attracted the disapproval of those high priests of Tory philosophy, And the Observer (80 pages

now in three sections plus colour supplement, 60p), while carrying an intriguing forecast of a clash between Margaret Thatcher and her Chancellor on defence spending, fielded its usual reserve striker in times of cup tie tension - Clive James, with yet another instalment of how an Aussie humorist captivated the Brits.

Of course, all this special exertion was occasioned by the launch of the fifth quality Sunday, the portentously named Independent on Sunday (28 broadsheet pages plus 144 tabloid pages, in three sections, 60p). Before the launch I believed that it would have relatively little difficulty in attaining its breakeven circulation of 350,000. After reading the first issue I am less certain.

Pictorial quality was outstanding. The front-page shot of Dawn Griffiths and her recovered baby was the best in the quality Sundays, and given full value. The Sunday Review section was studded with talent, and the reproduction of fashion colour was brilliant. The Business on Sunday section is a sensible idea.

But was it in total a little forbidding? The news section was perfectly respectable, if a little ordinary. But was there just too much in the Review section? Were some of the articles a little too long? Although Lynn Barber wrote a fine interview with John Aspinall, was it such a good idea to use, yet again, that old picture of Lucan on the front page of the section? As for the business area (lead story, another rehash of the Guinness saga), the emphasis was surely too much on the magazine element, with news regarded as of secondary importance.

The editor, Stephen Glover, told the Financial Times that he would be "surprised and disappointed if we were far short of a sell-out". Surprise and disappointment must indeed be his lot today. Of 1,240,000 copies printed, it is estimated that only 720,000-800,000 copies were sold. The recent launch of The Sunday Correspondent undoubtedly diminished the rarity value of the launch. And the weather in many parts of the country was pretty foul. None the less, rivals were surprised, and perhaps relieved, that the launch sale was so low. Equally, the effect on rival titles was

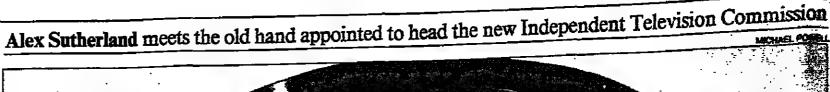
less than expected. Figures are not yet confirmed, but the Correspondent sold 308,000 the week before the launch THE PRESS and does not expect to be too downcast by this week's figures. The Sunday Charles Wintour Times believes it will show an in-

crease of 4 per cent. The Sunday Telegraph also hopes for a small increase while the Observer is likely to show a loss of 20,000-30,000.

Having sampled the new arrival, will readers drop it, cut an existing order - or will they increase their weekend read? Sales of Sunday papers are on a downtrend; it seems unlikely that the new one will add much, if at all, to the total market. My own guestimate is that the newcomer will eventually settle well

uch a result would not be welcome news to the Independent's shareholders. It must therefore be expected that strenuous efforts will be made to lift the sale. The backing of The Independent will be helpful, but the example of The Sunday Telegraph, selling about half as many as its daily big brother, is not altogether encouraging.

The Sunday Correspondent, having overcome most of its teething problems, is still some way from profitability. Whether the managements of these two new Sundays will continue hostilities or whether they may yet reach an accommodation will no doubt become evident later in the year.





David Glencross: "It is as important to make soap operas like Coronation Street to the best of your ability as it is to do a regular weekly current affairs show

archetypal civil servant of the established British broadcasting world. So when he was appointed last week to what will be one of the most influential posts in television's new commercial era there were a few raised eyebrows.

Many expected the job — chief executive-designate of the Independent Television Commission, the successor to the Independent Broadcasting Authority (starting salary between £80,000 and £85,000 a year) to go to an industrialist or businessman in the Thatcher mould, rather than a man steeped in the traditions of public service broadcasting.

But there are reasons why George Russell, chairman-designate of the ITC, has chosen a man with more than 30 years' experience in the old ways. Russell has seen the chinks in the armour of the Home Office officials now in charge of broadcasting, who have shifted their ground from the absolute market imperatives

which shaped the original White Paper on Broadcasting.

Fierce lobbying by Britain's ITV chiefs has led to compromises on several key points, notably the decision to allow ITV licensees to pay their tender over the period of their franchise - 10 years - rather than in a lump sum up front. The highest bid auction for ITV franchises remains. but the quality debate has been pushed to centre stage.

Which is where Glencross comes in. "At the end of the day, programming will still be at the heart of the ITC's concerns," he says. "I was not surprised by the reactions to my appointment, but George Russell and his colleagues clearly felt they wanted somebody with different skills from the massive industrial and commercial experience he has. Since the White Paper, there has been a good deal of recognition by the Government that programming needs to be stressed. It is clear now that it will achieve a much higher profile throughout."

Programming experience is some-

thing Glencross has in bagfuls — 12 years at the BBC, followed by 20 with the IBA. As the IBA's director of television since 1983, and deputy director before that, he has watched as much television as anyone in broadcasting. And he knows the present ITV system intimately. Indeed, he helped formulate most of it.

He makes no apologies for being from the old school. "Some would say that having spent all my life in broadcasting might be a disadvantage. but what I have is the knowledge and commitment to programmes of all kinds, which is what really matters. That's what the viewers care about,"

Giencross stresses that he can adapt when needed. He has already helped realign the IBA, he insists, from its nanny role as ITV's publisher, responsible for schedules and programmes, to that of light-touch regulator with a remit that will cover the new cable and satellite services as well.

On closer inspection, though, there are obviously strong traditional tendencies at work. Glencross is eager for the most part to see things continue as there are. He is adamant that the ITV companies - currently working on changes to their network arrangements - maintain the basic regional structure of the ITV system. Above all, he wants to make sure that the commitment to regional programmes

is carried into the 1990s. He feels ITV will have to try harder in the face of more competition, but does not see any strong argument for radical changes either to the ITV map (the number of companies covering the country), or the programming menu. Pressed to criticize current programming, he offers comedy as one area which needs improving.

However Glencross's notion of "quality" remains as vague as any broadcaster or government official.
"You could call it serious programmes', and they do of course have their part to play in the range, but it is just as important to make soap operas like Coronation Street to the best of your ability as it is to do a regular weekly current affairs show," he says.

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Even the best-known actors will now do

the highly profitable advertising voice-over

ust over a year ago, a little-known actor with the improbable name of Stephan de Montaignac (stage name, Ste-phen Chase), spied a gap in the market. Like him, many of his friends were keen to supplement their income by doing voice-overs, but unsure about how to find work. On a hunch he set up Roobarb, an agency specializing in voice-overs. and now does a roaring trade with such names as Rula Lenska, Gareth Hunt, Kate O'Mara, Michael Aspel, Peter Jeffrey and Julie Dawn Cole on his books.

Most actors use voice-over agen-cies in addition to their existing agencies. "Voice-overs are booked at short notice, often for the next day," explained de Montaignac.
"It's fast-moving, so you need someone working on it full-time."

A crop of similar companies has explained de Montaignac.

since sprung up - Voices, Castaway, Evans O'Brien and the women-only outfit. Speakeasy, to name a few - and business is name a few — and business is booming. "Voice-overs have come out of the closet," says Saatch' & Saatch's casting director, Louise Fennimore. "The better-known actors and actresses used to be snooty about commercials, but now the Tom Contis, Michael Gambons and Judi Denches are all interested."

Agencies choose recognizable voices not for a particular part but to portray a type - Penelope Keith



Star names: Judi Dench and Michael Hordern, both likely to be heard any evening during the commercial breaks

for the bossy schoolmistress, Simon Cadell for a bapless, confused CHECKETER.

There has always been a handful of serious actors who saw the sense in earning money through advertising - Orson Welles had a longrunning contract with Carisberg, and Peter Sellers recorded ads for PG Tips and Kennomeat dog food. Others such as Ian Holm, John Hurt and Geoffrey Palmer have never baulked at putting their voices to commercial use. But they were always exceptions to the rule.

Now, if you spend an evening in front of the television, you may hear Conti (British Airways), Gambon

(Allied Dunbar) and Dench (Sheba cat food), joined by Joss Ackland, Jane Asher, Sir Michael Hordern, Tim Pigott-Smith, Peter Egan, and the ubiquitous Stephen Fry. Lennie Henry, Mel Smith and Griff Rhys Jones should also pop up at least once or twice. Many of the same

performers also make radio ads. De Montaignac attributes the growing popularity of voice-overs to the diminishing amount of television acting work available. "Four or five years ago there used to be plenty of television drama. Now television relies so beavily on American and Australian imports. repeats and game shows, that actors

have had to broaden their ho-

But it is also bound up with improved standards of UK advertising in the 1980s. Mandy Wheeler, a radio commercials producer, says: "Ad agencies have thankfully moved away from the hard-sell, very authoritative, 'dark brown' voice-over of the Seventies, which always seemed to be done by Patrick Allen [who had his own agency, now closed, to market himself]. They have also stopped using the pa-

tronizing soft-sell, with the sing-song voice and friendly inflections." Wheeler believes the quality of

advertisers use it as an economic alternative to television. In a recession-hit market, revenue for the medium grew by 25 per cent to £104 million in the first nine months of 1989, with forecasts of up to £140 million for the full year.

Peter Jeffrey, star of BBC1's drama series Chelworth last summer and currently the voice in television and radio commercials for KP Nuts, Citroen and Boots, says: "These days, voice-overs are like an extension of radio drama. But it's a challenge of a different sort. You might be playing a pimple or a flat tyre, which is much harder than it sounds."

Like Jeffrey, actor Tony Head, who plays the male half of the Gold Blend coffee couple and records an average of four voice-overs a week, including corporate videos, finds the split-second timing required a pleasing exercise in precision. "It's quite daunting," Head says. "You get 30 seconds to create a character who must mention the product's name at least twice, while still sounding natural. If you take 31 seconds, it's no good."

But even more attractive is the money. Equity rates for voice-overs seem modest: £57.50 an hour for television commercials and £60 an hour for radio. In reality, the standard rate is between £80 and £150 an hour, depending on who you are, but the real rewards lie in the repeat fees, which can run into several thousand pounds for a longrunning, nationally networked television campaign and several hundreds for radio.

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The old grey magazine test

Choice relaunches in the hope that a rich and glossy new life begins at 50

he over-fifties are desremain alone in the market is perate for a magazine of their own," says Wendy James, editor of the revamped and relaunched Choice. Having recently turned 50 herself. James believes maturity has been undervalued for too long: "We're vibrant, dynamic, prepared for a different type of challenge," she says. "We have boundless energy." for the age group.

The over-fifties also have a lot of cash. And there are plenty of them: 38 per cent of the British population is aged more than 50, and by the year 2000 the figure will be more than 40 per cent. They have 70 per cent of the country's savings, and 82 per cent of their income is disposable — £108 billion a year. It is the first generation to benefit through inheritance from property price inflation.

So perhaps the surprising thing is not that Emap should be targeting them now, but that it hasn't happened before. "Research on the dummy shows this age group was desperate for a magazine of its own," James says. "I think they felt very isolated."

Choice has been around for 7 years, and owned by Emap for six. Until the relaunch it concentrated on personal financial planning for the over-sixties, selling 10,000 copies on newsstands and the rest of its 76,000 monthly circulation through subscription - many of them to companies for distribution to employees approaching retire-

The experience of Bayard Presse, which relaunched a similar publication, Notre Temps, in France, led to the formation last year of a 50-50 partnership between Bayard and Emap to revamp Choice along similar lines.

"Bayard made Notre Temps all about expanding lifestyles and developing new interests, and it now sells 1.3 million copies. If it happened in France, where the demographic profile is similar, there s no reason why it shouldn't

another question: there is speculation that a number of established American titles for the age group, like Lear's, Moxie and Mirabella, may be looking to enter the British scene. And there have long been rumours that IPC is planning a women's magazine

James, who was previously at Bella and Woman, says the editorial will focus on new opportunities for a new age, a time when, for many people, pressures to conform and perform ease off.

The first issue of the revamped Choice (the January number, priced £1.501 had features on cross-country skiing, and a group of women aged more than 60 who drove to Monte Carlo to raise money for charity. Aylott says she is getting interest from advertisers of holidays, housing, cars, insurance, leisure and pharmaceuticals.

The new Choice - now full colour throughout - guar-antees a 100,000 circulation by April. Emap will spend £5 million over two years to support the launch, with an above-the-line campaign to break in May through Harari Page, a new agency, and a hefty push through direct

Aylott hopes the continued presence of consumer advice and personal finance columns will keep the magazine interesting to companies, but that newsstand and personal subscription will make up the bulk of sales.

Editorial will be "guided, not dictated" by Notre Temps, James says. Topics like terminal illness and bereavement won't be ignored, "but they will be handled in a sensitive way, depending on feedback from readers". On the whole, editorial will be upheat

For Emap, there are hopes that this is just the beginning. *Once Choice is going well," Aylon says, "I envisage us growing and growing and having more publications in

Geraldine Bedell

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aly's largest publishing group, has led to pressure for an antitrust law. This aims to restrict the growing concentration of the country's media by putting a limit on overlapping television and newspaper Demands for the introduction of the law, first raised

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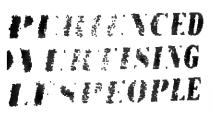
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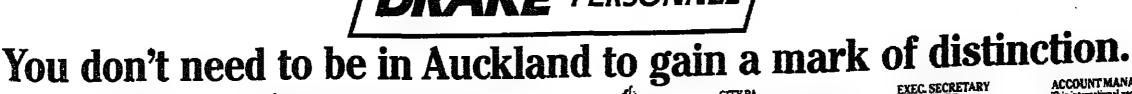
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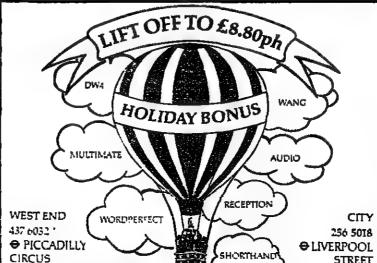
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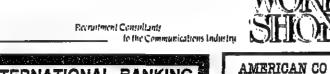
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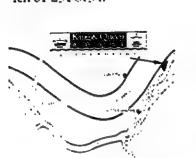
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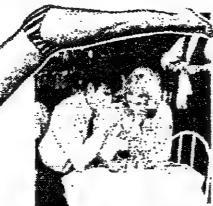
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It does, nevertheless, fit in certain cases, and, even when the market is difficult, these "pres-tige" properties will invariably sell. The top end of the market has been iargely cushioned from the hard realities of high interest rates. as recent sales, such as the £10 million house in Eaton Square, Belgravia, bought by Andrew

Lloyd-Webber, show.

That was a bouse on the books of Knight Frank & Rutley, which uses the overworked word rarely. Including the Eaton Square house, it sold about £16 million worth of properties in London during the 12 days of Christmas, one at over £2 million and three more at around £1 million. Chesterfield & Co is another agent reporting similar success, having sold more than £22.5 million of residential

properties in the past six weeks. A number of prestige properties are coming to the market, none more so than the 12 apartments

which make up Summit Lodge, in Hampstead, set on what the developer, the Shield Group, confidently says is the highest point in London - at least the penthouse apartments will make it so. Occupying an island site of just over one acre, overlooking Whitestone Pond, the building of this block, designed by Levy, Benjamin and Horvitch, has cost £7 million.

The apartments, some with turrets, all with terraces or roof gardens, range in size from nearly 2,000 to 3,000 sq ft, and there is also a swimming pool and extensive security, including underground parking. Prices range from £1.5 million to £3 million, and one has already been sold to a British buyer, although the main demand is expected to come from the

international market.

Summit Lodge is only three miles from central London. Bickenhall Mansions is in central London, situated between Baker Street and Gloucester Place. Built at the turn of the century, Bickenhall Mansions was one of the first purpose-built mansion blocks, epitomizing stylish living until it fell into decline after the

Second World War. It is now being refurbished by its owner, Metropolitan & County,



which, in addition to renovating the common parts of the eightstorey block, is creating 15 pent-houses out of the roof space. Each will be different, using materials from all over Europe, two with

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Lowndes Court was designed and built by Lewis Cubitt, brother of Thomas who was responsible for most of Belgravia's imposing mansions. The rebuilt Court, designed by Blampied & Partners, has a virtual replica of the original facade, and the intention of the developer, SC Properties (UK), is to create "the most superior apartment building in London". Prices: £244,000 to £2,725,000.

A spectacular flat on the ground floor of a house built by Thomas Cubitt for his daughter in War-wick Square, London SWI, is for sale through Russell Simpson and Aylesford at £1.3 million, It has three reception rooms, a master bedroom suite, studio room and three further bedrooms, gymnasium and a shared private garden.

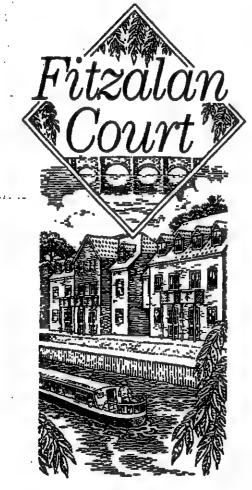
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Redlands Farm, Ptaistow, West Sussex, was built in the early 1950s for Prince Tomislav, second son of King Alexander of Yugoslavia. The prince spent the next 34 years there apple farming, until his retirement in 1986. The present owners have extended the house, which Redlands Farm, Plaistow. extended the house, which stands in 41 acres of gardens, orchards and woodland, and has three reception rooms, two has three reception rooms, we bedroom suites and two further bedrooms. It is for sale at around £600,000 through Browns of Cranleigh, Surrey.

 Hill Top Lodge in Swaledale. North Yorkshire, is a period Dales farmhouse set in the Yorkshire Dales National Park which has series All Creatures Great and Small. It was completely refurbished in 1986, and has two reception rooms, a study and seven bedrooms. Within the gardens there is a barn and outbuildings, and the original cheese presses remain. This rural property, with grand views over the Dales, could provide an ideal retreat for a businessman or woman, say the agents Savills. Its York office is asking for offers over £190,000.

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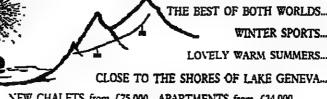
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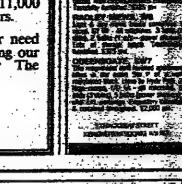
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The station is due to open at the end of May, and Rosehaugh Stanlope Developments has sub-mitted a detailed application to develop the four-acre railway corridor site, intending to com-plete it in mid-1991. It involves five separate buildings, with shops and restaurants, and the creation of a new public square as well as walkways between Holborn and

The new scheme, Ludgate, is the latest joint venture between two of the leading property developers, Rosehaugh and Stanhope, the first being the Broadgate development at Liverpool Street, creating 3.5 million sq ft of offices, shops and

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restaurants. They are also involved in the £3 billion redevelopment of King's Cross.
There will be deliberate contrasts between the five buildings, which vary in size from 52,000 sq ft (net) to 150,000 sq ft (net), and have been designed by three architects. The master planner will be Renton Howard Wood Levin Darknership, which is also means Partnership, which is also responsible for one of the buildings, and the other firms will be Skidmore, Owings and Merrill and John Outram Associates.

interesting, for this will be the first substantial project for the colour-ful British architect John Outram, whose previous work has included houses, factories and warehouses, He has designed the building nearest Blackfriars, next to the historic public house The Blackfriar, which is remarkable for two features. It will be clad in multicoloured tiles and designed so that trains from Blackfriars will go

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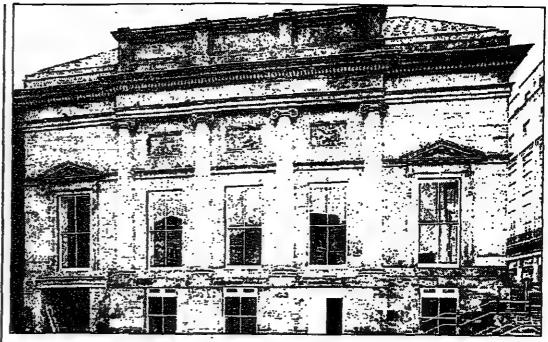
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Martin Chilcott, of Gooch and Wagstaff, appointed with Baker Harris Saunders and Jones Lang Wootton as letting agents, antici-pates significant demand for space there. The dismanting of the visidnes will semanting of the viaduct will remove a physical barrier within this favoured western sector of the City of London and will open up hitherto obstruct-ed views of St Paul's," he says. "We are already receiving a num-ber of positive inquiries from potential tenants both within the prosional and financial sectors." With the development inextric-

ably linked with the railway changes, it has been a comple project, requiring an Act of Par-liament. Rosehaugh Stanhope has been working on it for some three years, and carrying out construc-tion, work for 12 months. The group has worked closely with the Museum of London and is funding a £2 million archaeological dig. The dig is already achieving considerable success in its astempts to find some of the missing links in the City's past, including the "lost" River Fleet (of which parts of the banks have been found), Blackfriars Priory, a second Tower of London and the Fleet prison.



Viking Property Group, the development arm of City Site Estates, has let more than 70 per cent of its comprehensive refurbishment of The Lyceum in Liverpool to the Post Office and the National & Provincial Building Society. It has achieved a rent of over £175,000 a year from the Post Office, which will occupy 13,000 ag ft and sublet about 1,850 sq ft. The

uilding, which will become Liverpool's main city centre post office, is one of the finest Georgian buildings in the area, designed in 1802 as the first circular public library in England. The remaining 6,000 sq ft are available at an annual rent of £55,000 through Clayton Booth & Partners, Bernard Thorpe & Partners and Peter Murdock & Co.

Park, near Maidenhead, Berkshire, has been sold to Hitachi Europe for £42 million as its new European for £42 million as its new European headquarters. The development was carried out jointly by Chesterfield Properties and Capital & City Properties, and the Japanese electronics company has acquired the new 93,000 sq ft air-conditioned building and two restrond period buildings. The Starestored period buildings, The Sta ble and The Lodge.

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the Thames in south-east London, is a distinctive modern building which was originally in-tended for residential occupation, it has now been divided into eight units with a live/work use ranging in size from 738 sq ft to 1,704 sq ft. The prices for this innovative Docklands scheme are £215,000 to £380,000.

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Prodential Portfolio Managers has received planning per-

mission for the redevelopment,

on behalf of Prudential Assurance, of the site at Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1, which will provide about 340,000 sq ft of air-conditioned of-lices, retail and restaurants around a central atrium. The scheme will feature the reinstatement of the Victorian Gate House which until its destruction in the last war was located on the north-west corner of Hol-born Viaduct. Work is set to begin in July, and is due for comple-tion in 1992.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

ounty NatWest WoodMac, part of the NatWest Investment Bank Group, announces today that it has started making markets in property stocks, and provides a full specialist property service consisting of research, sales and market-

Marc Gilbard, recently appointed head of its property team. says that in the past month a research base, meeting and analysing property companies and formulating views on the direct property market, has been established. "On the launch day of our property document, CNWM will also start to make markets in 11 stocks, and this number is likely to increase. In the meantime, all other property stocks may be traded through our sales traders."

number of companies have recently launched property enterprise trusts, tax shelter schemes for investment in commercial property in enterprise zones. Laser Richmount, a joint venture formed between Johnson Fry and Richard Ellis, aims to raise £48.5 million from both private and corporate investors through its new Laser Richmount Trusts. Each is designed to be at-tractive to individuals paying higher-rate tax and to companies which pay corporation tax as a way of mitigating their tax liability.

Property Enterprise Managers Ltd, manager of the UK's largest tax shelter scheme, has launched two property enterprise trusts with a combined value of £52 million. Its latest acquisitions are two office towers in the Salford, Manchester, enterprise zone, forming part of Charter Developments' 500,000 sq ft landmark office scheme, Exchange Quays.

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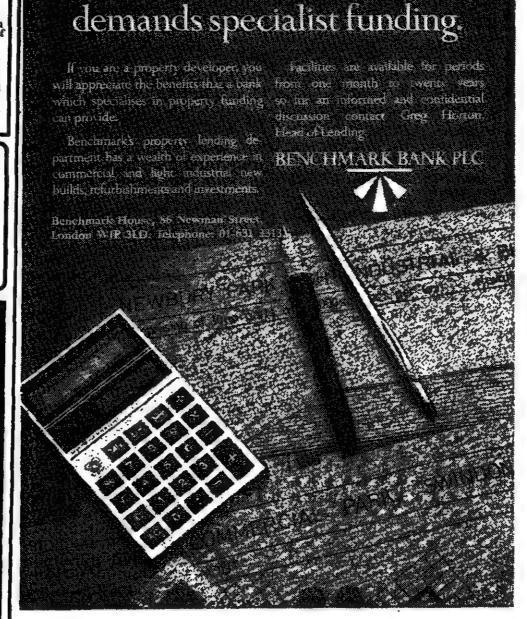
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cheques in the new decade than the

\$20 he carned in his first appear-

ance of the year, although he would

be the first to agree that there might

not be a more important pay day.

For Davis won the money from

Lee Trevino, with whom he was

invited to practice recently in Palm

the money considering what any-

one would be prepared to pay to

spend five days working with Lee,"

Davis said. "My one regret is that I

spent it. I should have got Lee to

losing all that I learnt in Palm

Springs. Actually to meet Lee

Trevino was an experience; to

practice with him and play two

rounds was an absolutely treat. My

chipping is not the best part of my

game, and I went out there hoping I

could learn from Lee in that

department. I did, but it was what

he said to me within 30 minutes of

being on the practice range that

thought that I am too negative. I

thought about it and he's right. I'm

taking a more positive approach

this season. I'm determined to

The trip to Palm Springs was organized by Willie Aitchison who has caddied for Trevino for more

than 20 years. This season

Aitchison will be working for

Lee came straight out with the

surprised me.

But I have no intention of

sign the bill and had it framed.

"It seemed a little wrong taking

Springs, California.

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Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent, meets a young player eager to follow advice to eliminate the negative

looks

The first-year commissioner of the National Football League (NFL) replaced Pete Rozelle, who retired after 26 seasons with a reputation as the most administrator in American sport. Tagliabue must deal with drug enforcement, isbour relations, a contract with the American television networks, minority hiring, expansion and the internationalization of the

pressing drugs problem we have in our league. We're not on a witch hunt. We view the use of street drugs as a medical prob-lem and we want people to receive help. Do not stigmatize all of us because a few players have this medical problem."

He said: "We want to develop

employees, and was one of the elements of the players' strike of

the league, provides each elub with \$17 million annually. The owners hope that Tagliabue will be able to increase each share to \$25 million or \$30 million. The American Bowl series of

from the European Community. already working on min-iaturized production versions which are expected to be priced Barcelona in 1991. at a fraction of the cost of the

NFL, the league will start the World League of American Football (WLAF) with teams in Europe, Canada, Mexico au-

confused with the unrelated international League of American Football (ILAF), which is

Tagliabue said the NFL would install clubs in other American cities before the mid-1990s. Factors involved will be the new television agreement and the possibility of each club playing its 16 games over a 17 or

18-week season.
Realignment of the league might be implemented to do away with several unconvincing far-flung "rivalries", for example, Tampa Bay and Minnesota in the National Foolball Conference Central

Tagliabue beyond the 49ers From Robert Kirley New Orleans Now that Super Bowl XXIV bus come and gone and cut-rate Denver Broncos T-shirts are moving slower than yesterday's

escargot in the French Quarter, Paul Tagliabue is turning his attention to pressing matters. innovative and successful

in his first "state of the sport" address. Tagliabue said: "The NFL is dealing with a small part of a drugs problem that is savaging the youth of the United States. The players want the drugs policy to be tougher. They don't want to face players who

a good relationship between the owners and the players. I have recently met with the players of Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Tam-pa Bay and the New York Giants, and it is clear that the players want a collective-bargaining system. For three years, it has been courtrooms

in the midst of television nego-tiations. We have increased our ratings." The Super Bowl, in which the Sen Franciso 49ers defeated the Broncos 55-10 on Sunday, was broadcast in 25 countries and in 10 languages —

will continue, and Tagliabue said that the programme would expand to a game in "one or more" of Moscow, Milan and

being organized by a Texas oilman and will start playing in European cities in April Jack Elway, the father of the losing Super Bowl quarterback, John Elway, will coach the London ILAF club.

are on steroids.
"I regard steroids as the most

and confrontations. I want us to get back to the bargaining table."

The previous collectivebargaining agreement, reached in 1982, expired last year. This has caused strain between the owners of the 28 clubs and their

Tagliabue continued: "We are

both records for the game. The present television con-tract which is the lifeblood of

fishermen track their nets. The other yachts to have selected this system are La Poste, Fortuna, Charles Jourdan and The British system has won the support of the Department of Trude and Industry in the ennual pre-season exhibition games in London and Tokyo struggle to win type approval

To extend the influence of the

the United States. The WLAF satisfactory television arrange-ments in the pertinent countries.
The WLAF is not to be

Eric Ogden, project manager for the French, said: "There is no way this boat will sail in the Tour places at stake for England

Tagliabue said he was concerned about taunting by players; and coaches. Intimidating onfield jibes and gestures and excessive post-game criticism will not be tolerated. "This practice does not do justice to the people involved or their opponents," he said. "We will impose stiff fines if this does not

Plotting a positive path to crock of gold

fact, I was terrible. I've got more of a taste for it now. I suspect I've changed, because whereas in 1988 I played in only five events, I was able to play a full season last year. I started to get something out of it. When you first come out, practice hard and nothing happens then it is easy to become despondent."

there do practice hard; they simply

do not come through because they

do not possess the supreme talent

"I'll admit I used not to be a

devotee of the practice range. In

that Nick does.

Davis has no intention of that happening this season. He has rebuilt his swing with diligence and the assistance of Pugh to become a more consistent striker. Yet he still has the reputation of being a naturally long hitter.

"I am certain that Mark has a very big future in the game," Pugh said. "The changes we have made take his golf swing from the classic swing of the 1970s (the upright plane, free arm swing and leg drive action) to the efficient swing of the

Whether Davis will fulfil his ambition to win a tournament this season remains to be seen. Severiano Ballesteros, with whom Davis was paired in the Lancôme Trophy, would appear to believe that he can. Davis shot 68 that day compared to his more partner's 71. "That young man has gold in his fingertips," Ballesteros said.



Master and pupil: Trevino (right) imparts the wisdom of a veteran to Davis in the Palm Springs sunshine

As the Whitbread Round the World Race fleet prepares to face the rigours of the Southern

Ocean once more, the number of yachts to be equipped with

the life-saving man-overboard location system, developed by The Times/RORC safety at sea

omminee, has grown to 13.

The prototype devices prouced in Britain and France,

which rely on radio-direction finders that home in on pocket

beacons carried by each crew, were responsible for the recov-

ery of two vachtsmen washed overboard during the second stage of this 33,000-mile race.

equipped their yachts with the safety device before setting out

from Auckland on Saturday

bound for Cape Horn, but shoestring budgets have prevented

them from raising the £4,000 for

the equipment many sponsors

now view as an essential safety

net, both for the crew and their

own standing.
"I would certainly have liked

to install the system - I am a great believer in this kind of

safety equipment — but we just don't have the money to buy it."

Bob Salmon, the skipper of the

The 75ft international America's Cup class (IACC) yachts

saw the light of day for the first

time vesterday when the hull and deck of Marc Pajot's FI

emerged from builder's shed at

Vannes, France (Malcolm McKeag writes). The all-white

yacht, unnamed and without a

significant sponsor, was to be trucked to Sete, the base for the

French challenge, for final fit-

NETBALL

Others would also like to have

YACHTING

More turn to new

life-saving system

The British system, which

uses Locat personal beacons operating on the international distress frequency, has been fitted to eight of the yachts—

Creightons Naturally, The Card, Maiden, Merit, Martela OF,

Schlussel von Bremen, Satquote British Defender and UBF

Five other crews, led by Steinlager 2, the leading chal-lenger from New Zealand, have

chosen the French system, which uses small beacons operating on Channel 16, that

was developed originally to aid

but manufacturers like Locat are

prototypes now proven in the harsh conditions of the southern

Italians are believed to be close

to completion, with a boat due

working on the plug for their first boat. The Japanese are

building two identical sister-yachts. The British, under Peter

de Savary, have not begun construction.

Gatorade

First IACC unveiled

ROWING

Grainger

favours

consensus

By a Special Correspondent

Bruce Grainger is bubbling with

enthusiasm at the prospect of his appointment as international performance director for British

"Communication is at the centre of the job," he said yesterday and promised that "discussion and consultation"

among the coaches and athletes.

Although he does not envisage

sweeping changes, at least not initially, his immediate aim is to

win the confidence of people

where there may have been

Grainger intends to give his chief squad coaches, who have

vet to be appointed, quite a free hand. "Chief coaches are in charge of their teams," he said. "Only an idiot would interfere

He is pleased at the appoint

ment of Brian Armstrong as

international rowing manager. The two spent hours together coaching at Wallingford RC in the 1970s. Although Grainger's post is undoubtedly the more

Desnite the fact that the

majority of his experience has

than seniors. Grainger did no

envisage any problems. He did

return to his "teamwork" theme.

however, and welcomed the

replacement of the "private armies of the 1970s." with the

"corporate teamwork of the 1980s." — something he will

The Reading university

graduate who subsequently went on a Winston Churchill scholar-

ship to study in Ratzeburg at the

strive to maintain.

"parallel appointments".

he regards them as

with that."

produce a consensu

CRICKET: ENGLAND ARE MADE TO STRUGGLE IN DILLEY'S ABSENCE

Davis, who could not wish for a

more experienced or dependable

Davis, aged 25, from the Thorndon Park Club, near Brent-

wood, is a former England inter-national. He turned professional in

1986, returned to the PGA Euro-

pean Tour qualifying school in

1988 and began last season seeking

only to secure his playing privileges

He did much more than that.

Davis finished third in the Belgian

Open and sixth in the Carrolls Irish

Open. He won £61,362 for 45th

place in the Volvo Order of Merit

and he has been selected as a player

with talent and Mark Davis is one

of them," Faldo said. "But having

the talent is not the end of it; you

have to soueeze every ounce you

can out of it. You will only do that

Davis has never met Faldo, although he is likely to do so in

Florida next week. He is returning

to the United States to practice in the sun in Orlando, on the same range where Faldo will be fine

tuning his swing under the instruc-tion of David Leadbetter, before

playing in the Australian Masters.

works closely with David Leadbetter," Davis said. "In one

way I agree with what Nick has to

say about the younger brigade. The

thing is a lot of professionals out

"My coach is Denis Pugh, and he

There are a few younger players

of promise by Nick Faldo.

for another year.

by working hard."

Indians in close call at the end

Dunedin (Reuter) - Hirwani, the No. 11 Indian batsman, survived a leg-before appeal off the last ball of the game and the four-day match against Otago ended in a draw yesterday. The Indians, set a 261-run

target in 56 overs, finished on 256 for nine after looking set for a comfortable victory earlier as Vijay Chandrasckhar hit a top score of 71. Then, from 196 for three, six wickets tumbled for

OTAGO: First immings 426 for 5 dec (K R Rutherford 225 not out. R W Mawhitiney 58; N Hawaru 4 for 97).

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BOWLING: Wassan 11-1-25-3 (2nb); Kapil Dev 7-4-5-0; Tendukar 4-2-10-0; Venkar-aramana 8.5-2-29-2; Raju 8-2-25-1, Ra-man 1-0-7-0.

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N Hinwani not out..... Extras (b 1, nb 5) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-43, 2-110, 3-141, 4-196, 5-199, 6-217, 7-286, 8-240, 8-253.

for the Caribbean talking of perhaps winning a match or

two, the cricketing public is

becoming accustomed to the

idea of freaks of nature. At the

weekend, a freak of nature

actually happened, albeit hardly

the Sheffield Shield for the past

three years, were dismissed for

just 41 at the Adelaide Oval,

perhaps the friendliest ground a

the lowest total recorded in a first-class match there and

Western Australia's lowest in

the Shield. On a pitch slightly affected by rain, they collapsed

from 23 for no wicket to their

and who have been struggling all

formed this extraordinary

South Australia, who per-

Western Australia, winners of

one of an international flavour

Cronje's hundred thwarts English hopes for success

University's captain, dominated a day which by no means went smoothly for the English XIV here yesterday. Handsome straight driving marked Cronje's batting as his team made 328 for six wickets declared against an attack left depleted by an injury to Dilley. Broad and Barnett safely came through the final

20 minutes. After wrenching a knee when he tumbled over a boundary rope, Dilley went off for treatment in midafternoon and did not return. Earlier Foster struck a wavward patch in terms of direc-

second new ball. Jarvis looked the best of the English fast bowlers after coming into the side at the English counties would envy. eleventh hour when Ellison pulled out with a strained

Overseas cricket by Simon Wilde

The England party having left their challenge for a place in the Jamie Cox, aged 20 and like for the Caribbean talking of Shield final, a match that is now Scuderi a product of the Austra-

Joe Scuderi, the young all-

rounder, returned remarkable

figures of six for six in 26 balls.

Earlier in the match, Hookes,

the South Australia captain, had

struck five sixes in a flamboyant

against the same team. Western

Australia ran up 565 for three (Marsh 355 not out). Such a

reverse hardly compares with

that of Victoria in the 1920s, when they made 1,107 and 35

within five weeks against New South Wales, but must be

New South Wales were them-

selves given an unpleasant shock at Hobart when Tasmania

eight declared to take first-

painful nevertheless

season to bowl out opponents, innings points. They were won by an innings to mount thwarted by a brilliant 175 from

Six weeks ago in Perth.

Shield final, a match that is now

A vintage hundred by Hansie weekend. It will be a quick overs. Cronje hit an effortless Cronje, the South African recovery by Dilley, however, straight six against Emburey that Gatting will want most. Cronje, who is aged 20, has a mistake until he hooked a played Currie Cup cricket with Orange Free State, but Cowdrey.

this was his first century. His father is the OFS union's president and the driving force behind the move from the famous old Ramblers club to the newly-built Springbok Park complex where this game is being played.

At a cost of about £3.2m the city council have built facilities for athletics, tennis and rugby as well as the cricket arena which is equipped for floodlit games. The square has only been used since last tion, though he did find a September and tended to be better line later with the slow and low but it is a beautiful, tree encircled ground, with a huge Australian-type scoreboard that most

Cronie and Lazard of Western province, the main scorer thigh muscle. Both Ellison and on the 1983 South African Thomas, who has a niggling schools tour to England, groin injury, are expected to shared an entertaining third be available to play at the wicket stand of 160 in 49 The other side of paradise

lian Cricket Academy. For New

South Wales, Steve Waugh ended a lean spell with a career-

In the West Indies, the Lee-

ward Islands won the Shell Shield for the first time in

emphatic fashion yesterday,

beating the Windward Islands by an innings to secure the Shield with a match still to play.

In South Africa, Western

would take the Currie Cun from

Eastern Province, for whom

Maguire took five wickets, by batting into the third day of the

final at Port Elizabeth for 507

In New Zealand, Wellington

Society scored 65 not out, went

to the top of the Shell Trophy

table with a six-wicket win over

Northern Districts yesterday.

whom Sussex's Martin

for nine declared.

and 14 fours and did not make catch to square leg against

These two came together after Jarvis obtained the tour's first leg before decision from an umpire and Foster in a second spell caused Hudson to mistime a drive to mid-off.

SA UNIVERSITIES AT FIRE INCIDES

Extras (0 9, lb 9, w 7, nb 2)... Total (5 wids dec) 328
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WLING: Dilley 10-2-50-0; Poster 16-4-2. Janvis 18-5-58-3; Emburey 23-5-70-lowgrey 11-0-44-1; Barnett 19-3-54-0. ENGLISH XII: First firmings

Total (no witt) .

Gatting group Test ban

BOWLING: Bosch 4-1-15-0; Jacobi 2-1-2-0; Eusteen 1-1-0-0.

The compulsory five-year Test ban on Mike Gatting and his

Correspondent writes). be ratified when the ICC holds

Col Stephenson added: "I am now expecting a letter from the TCCB to tell me that their players have taken part in a rebel tour. We will make an announcement when that is

expected soon

unofficial party touring South Africa is likely to be announced within the next few days Lieutenant Colonel John Stephenson, the secretary of the International Cricket Council (ICC), said last night (a Special

He believes that the ban will July. "Now the players have taken part in a match it seems inevitable that they will be barred from Test cricket for five years," he said

feet of the great German coach, Carl Adam, has come a long way ting out, and is due to be Although Pajot's group is the

inside the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, on Saturday when the Scottish senior and under-21 sides entertain their English counterparts. Revenge for defeats last sum-

mer in the World Games in West Germany, and more recently in Middlesbrough, will be uppermost in the minds of the hosts, but they are likely to gain little satisfaction against superior English opposition. England are expected to win comprehensively, as the players are competing for places on the tour of Australia in June, rather

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than playing just to win. Instead of taking the usual 14-strong squad, financial constraints dictate that England must take only

This week sees a foil PES English Counties League programme, as the competition reaches its half-way stage, with Surrey and Birmingham sharing the lead. This weekend's mos important game sees Hampshire North entertain Hertfordshire, with both teams seeking their first win of the season, as they attempt to avoid relegation. ENGLAND SQUAD: K Lowe (Bedford-

[Judgment January 19]

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Birmingham Crown Court

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Court of Appeal

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Hearsay admissible by operation of statute Before Lord Justice Russell, Mr Justice Waterhouse, Mr Justice

[Judgment January 26] The trial judge had not erred in admitting the evidence of a police inspector who had been present at an identity parade and told the court what had been said in the absence of the appellant by a witness to the

The inspector's evidence was admissible because the words spoken by the witness accompanied the act of identifying the appellant and were necessary to explain that act The procedure adopted at the

identity parade was specifically sanctioned by the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (s 66) Codes of Practice issued by the Home Secretary under the provisions of the 1984 Act and approved by both Houses of If the words used by the

witness were hearsay, sections 66 and 67 of that Act was statutory authority for their admission in criminal The Court of Appeal so stated

in dismissing an appeal by Graham Steven McCay against his conviction on September 15, 1989 at Inner London Crown Court (Judge Fabyan Evans and

to cause grievous bodily harm those in the viewing room. on which he had been sentenced to six years imprisonment.

Section 66 of the 1984 Act provides: "(11) In all criminal and civil proceedings any such codes [of practice] shall be admissible in evidence; and if any provision of such code appears to the court or tribunal conducting the proceedings to be relevant to any question arising in the proceedings it shall be taken into account in determining the issues."

Mr Peter W. Clarke, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant, Mr S. Hezlett Colgan for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL said on April 4, 1988 a man was attacked with a broken beer class in a public house and suffered serious injuries. The licensee, Mr Beach, saw the identity parade at Brixton police station in which the appellant The identification suite at

Brixton consisted of two parallel rooms divided by a two-way mirror. The suspect and volunteers, all numbered, stood in one room while Mr Beach, a police inspector and a solicitor representing the suspect were in

The witness could see those on the parade, but those on the parade could not see or hear suspect by the witness

The appellant was at position No 8. Mr Beach was asked to

make his identification verbally, and said: "It's number 8".

At the trial Mr Beach said he had attended the parade and made an identification. But he could not remember the The problem would probably

not have arisen had he been shown before he gave evidence his witness statement made immediately after the parade, which referred in terms to his having identified a man bearing The next witness was the

inspector who had conducted the parade, Inspector Murfin. Defence counsel objected to his giving evidence that the witness had said "It's number 8" on the ground that it was inadmissible hearsay. The judge overruled the objection and the appellant was in due course convicted. In their Lordships' judgment the inspector's evidence was

properly admitted because the contemporary observation accompanied a relevant act and was necessary to explain that relevant act The observation was not relevant as to the identity of the assailant, but it was relevant as to the identification of the

In asserting that the man he

doing no more and no less than explaining his identification at the material time. Defence counsel had con-

ceded that the words "It's number 8" would have been admissible if they had been accompanied by some physical touching of the appellant by Mr Beach, the normal procedure adopted in old-style identification parades.

That was because the words would then have accompanied a physical act, whereas no such physical act was part of the identification process used here. Their Lordships considered

that a distinction without a difference. The procedure of the mirror, employing the physical activity of seeing coupled with the intellectual activity of recognizing were together sufficient to amount to a relevant act in respect of which accompanying words were

As Mr Justice Groves had said in Home v Malkin ([1878] 40 LT 196): "Though you cannot give in evidence a declaration per se, wet when there is an act accompanied by a statement which is so mixed up with it as to become part of the res gestae, evidence of such statement may be given in

In their Lordship's view, whether the true analysis of the statement was that it was original evidence, or whether it was admissible as an exception to the hearsay rule, the judge came to a proper decision.

Code D of the Codes of Practice for identification parades where a screen was employed had been followed precisely in the present case. Mr Beach had made his identification as required by paragraph 15 of Annexe A to

identification by indicating the number of the person concerned." If the words used by him were

in truth hearsay then it seemed to their Lordships that, quite apart from the res gestae rule, there was staintory authority for the words used to be admitted in evidence during the course of criminal proceedings. While in future it might be

invited to make a contemporary note of their identification which might later be used to refresh their memory, their Lordships were satisfied that the absence of any such aide memoire was not fatal. Solicitors: CPS, Inner

the prosecution had to adduce The procedure laid down in all their evidence before closing their case might be extended to a case where evidence had not been adduced to prove an issue as a result of a misunderstanding between prosecuting and defence counsel and not as the result of any oversight. The Court of Appeal, Crim-inal Division, so held when

"The witness should make an Francis against his conviction at (Judge Nichol and a jury) on December 16, 1988 for robbery

for which he was sentenced to eight years imprisonment. Mr Patrick Thomas for the defendant; Mr John C. Price for the prosecution. LORD JUSTICE LLOYD. giving the judgment of the court, desirable for witnesses attending said after a robbery the defenidentification parades to be dant had been arrested and took

part in a group identity parade together with three other sus-pects and 17 members of the general public. The robbery had been observed by a delivery driver who, while failing to identify the defendant in the parade, immediately afterwards in-

formed the police officer in charge that it was the person standing at number 20 in the Before Lord Justice Lloyd, Mr Justice Jupp and Mr Justice parade, the defendant The witness had since been

Reopening prosecution case

adamant about his identification saying that he had been certain but had not identified the defendant in the parade out The defendant denied being

involved in the robbery and claimed that he had been with his girlfriend. At the close of the prosecution case the defendant's counsel had

submitted there was a gap in the prosecution case because they had failed to identify the defendant as the person standing at position number 20 in the parade and made a submission of no case to answer. The prosecution then applied to recall the police inspector in

charge of the parade and the judge granted the application. It was a ground of appeal was that that should not have been allowed since it was not an issue raised ex improviso since the prosecution were forewarned having known from the outset that the identity of the defen-dant was at issue and the failure

to show the position at which he

was standing in the parade was

not merely a technicality but

His Lordship said that the general rule that the prosecution had to call the whole of its

evidence before concluding its case was one that was strict and salutary.

Was the power to admit late evidence confined to the two exceptions where evidence was to be called in rebuttal of an issue which had arisen ex improviso, or where what had y been omitted was a mere formality and nothing of substance?

Mr Thomas submitted it was and relied on Mr Justice Simon Brown in R v Central Criminal Court, Ex parte Garnier ([1988] RTR 42, 48). Their Lordships did not agree.

In Doran v The Queen ((1972) 56 Cr App R 429), which had not been cited, evidence had been admitted, rightly, because it had not been available at the close of the prosecution case. There was, therefore, a further

proposition which emerged that there was a discretion to admit further evidence which was not confined to that already described and, as was the essence of any discretion, it had to be flexible; although it was important to echo the words of Mr Justice Edmund Davies un Doran where he said there could exist a discretion outside the two established exceptions of only the rarest occasions. Solicitors: Wilding & Nealest Birmingham; CPS, West

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Student games organizers admit mistakes

Organizers of the World Student Games in Sheffield next year yesterday unveiled the results of a detailed audit into their troubled finances. They admitted there had been mistakes in their early planning for the event, but denied emphatically any evidence of misconduct or malpractice.

Norman Adsetts, the man drafted to revive the flagging fortunes of Universiade GB Limited, the company which will run the Games, insisted yesterday the new business plan meant that there was tion of its financial director, all every realistic expectation that the event would go ahead on time and within budget.

However, with 18 months to go before 6,000 athletes from 129 nations are due to descend on the city in the biggest produced by Universiade, has one of three private sector

recommendations of Lord Justice Taylor's report did not

cure hooliganism, then the

Government might still carry

through the controversial

Moynihan said: "We hope

we never need to implement

part one of the Football

Lord Justice Taylor's report

into the Hillsborough disaster

was so critical of the scheme —

which would have made it

compulsory for all spectators

to carry membership cards -

that the Government has been

The report stated: "The

whole raison d'etre of the

scheme is the perceived need

to eliminate from football a

hooligan element so substan-

tial, and so determined to

make trouble, as to justify this

defeat such determined hooli-

gans, it must be assumed that

the hooligans will seek to

sure they derive from their

piquancy to the perverse plea- difficulties.

"Since the scheme seeks to

enormous undertaking.

defeat the scheme.

forced to shelve it.

identity card scheme.

we need it."

country has staged, the com-pany faces a formidable task. The With an overdraft and debts of around £2.5 million, no television agreement signed or main international sponsor secured, it has to raise the bulk of the £27 million that is the revised cost of the event.

SPORTS POLITICS

Identity card option

held in reserve

warns Moynihan

The Minister for Sport, Colin "gravest doubts" whether the ister's determination and his

implications would have been

sures proposed by Taylor have

immense practical difficulties.

The extended use of atten-

dance orders would be unsuit-

obliged to report every time a

league or cup match was

could be as often as four times

a week. In addition, electronic

ragging would be used only for people who had not fulfilled

Lord Justice Taylor's criti-

cism of the identity card

scheme is based on documents

which the companies seeking

to implement the scheme had

been sent, but which the

Government itself had not

that the rejection of the

scheme is a blow to Moyni-

han, although it was originally

proposed by the Prime Min-

ister. In Parliament, the feel-

ing is that the Minister for

Sport made a junior minister's

classic mistake by taking on a

scheme proposed by Mrs

without trying to point out the

There is, however, no doubt

their attendance orders.

approved.

"They will see it as a Thatcher and displaying 120

challenge. Wrecking or cir- per cent enthusiasm for it.

However, some of the mea-

Moynihan, yesterday warned technology would have English football that if the worked and, if not, the safety

that the measures proposed in able in London, because

the report will work. We hope convicted hooligans would be

Speciators Act, but it is there if played in the capital, which

serious.

salaried recruitment. The company ordered an Figures produced yesterday internal audit following the showed that to December 1989 reverberations caused by the £3.9 million had been spent, of dismissal of its chief executive which £700,000 was covered before Christmas, the draining by sponsorship. Expenditure of a £1 million overdraft included £850,000 spent on facility, and then the resignawinning the bid, £1 million on marketing, £750,000 on sal-aries, and £200,000 in interest of which led to growing con-cerns about the viability of the charges and on general runundertaking. The audit was ning costs of the company. carried out by the firm of Pannell Kerr Forster and a

Yesterday Adsetts, deputy new business plan, the fifth chairman of Universiade and

own junior position, Moyni-

option. Politically, he has been

bruised but not fatally

Moynihan yesterday at-tacked the clubs for "mas-

sively under-investing" in their stadiums. "Too many

directors are entrenched in the

mentality of the Victorian

He failed to see why the

Government should put money into the game. "Pro-

fessional football is part of a

major leisure industry. If you

are running a cinema, you

have to have very high safety

standards for the general pub-

lic, but it is not for central

ment that the Government

should aid community

schemes, saying that it was not

the duty of taxpayers to

subsidize commercially-based

of money. Over the next 10

years, even if there was no

increase in the annual fees of

£18 million, it should earn at

least £180 million from

Trust, which is financed by the

pools companies via their

already promised at least £50

In addition, the Football

Football, he said, had plenty

community enterprises.

television.

However, it is conceded million to help turn grounds

Government to pay for this." He also rejected the argu-

boardroom," he said.

han really did not have much

The report highlighted

"flaws" in the systems of

financial control within the

company, and the need for

tight control on purchasing

and strict cash limits on all big

areas of expenditure. There

about where the money had gone. The expenditure was in line with the costs expected to be incurred during the basic planning for the Games.

He admitted, however, that

there had been "some mishas also been a freeze on takes and miscalculations" in Australia and the Commonthe company's early operafailure to capitalize on local commercial sponsorship or to produce big international funding; the assumption, now hoped, draw in the leading the giant Meadowhall shopproved sadly inaccurate, being that either BBC or ITV would act as host broadcaster.

> The company also has to bear the unexpected £2 million cost of refurbishing one of the three blocks of council flats that are to form the athletes' village for the Games, which is

The company expects that it

will have to act as host broadcaster and has budgeted for the potential costs of director is on a world tour, taking in Japan, America, wealth Games in New Zeations. These centred on a land, trying to secure nounced an injection of agreements with overseas stations to take coverage of the event which will it is then international sponsors.

> Yesterday Adsetts said: "If you are looking from the new facilities being conreport for specific examples of structed for the Games. misconduct then there is no evidence of that in the audit. Where there is evidence of some element of our administration and control being less

directors on its board, said not covered by central or local than we would like, then action there was "no dreadful secret" government funding. those points and that issue is idents of the city £3 million a now behind us."

> The company acknowledges that cash from local and transmission. Its marketing regional sponsors, on top of the £500,000 already raised from business in the area, will be crucial to its short-term cash needs. Yesterday it an-£250,000, with the possibility of more to follow, from the company which is developing ping complex, the largest in Europe, sited in the Lower Don Valley near to some of the

> > which will be among the most modern in the UK, has risen to £140 million and is being

underwritten by Sheffield City Council. It will cost the resyear for 22 years in their poli tax demands.

Adsetts said yesterday that when Sheffield first bid for the Games in 1986 there was a general air of despair in the city based on the run-down of its traditional industries and the legacy of decay and dereliction which they had left behind. Winning the Games was a big contribution to the rebirth of confidence and regeneration now being ex-

"To those who may now be questioning the whole idea and scale of the investment and the risks involved, I would say it is understandable but that they should not forget the benefits that will follow," he said.

From John Hennessy Leningrad It was first blood, and third, to the Soviet Union in the European figure skaring championships here yesterday. The first element in the competition, the women's compulsory figures, was won by Nazalya Lebedeva, with her companiol. Natalya Skrabnevskaya, in third place.
The ominous middle of the perienced across the city. Soviet sandwich is provided by Patricia Neske, of West Ger-

many. The European rankings, based on last year's champions, at the NEC Birmingham, foresaw Lebedeva and Neste in the first two places, given that the winner then. Clindin Leistner, is now a professional. Thereafter, anything might happen, since the next three in

ICE SKATING

A German

caught in

a Soviet

sandwich

the European rankings, and them the hapless Joanne Conway, are absent from Leningrad, for a variety of reasons. Emma Mardoch, who senplanted Conway at the head of female affairs at home.

hirteenth in the figures, a laudable achievement in her first daunting appearance at this Not that she is easily date ndeed, she considered her figures yesterday as "the best we ever done in front of judges", a

ribute to her honest, con tive instinct.

Her second string. Assistance.

Law, alas declined from sixteenth after the first figure the rockers, to 21st after the second. the loops. "My legs went on the loops," she said, a minutel,

nervous reaction to the fact that she recognizes her limitations on this particular exercise.

It would be absurd to exaggerate Murdoch's achievement. but the more one sees of her, the more one is impressed by her fund of common sense. "All in II, I'm very pleased," she said. "I'm just happy I went out and got it all together."

Lapsing into football-speak, she added that her trainer, Carol Bertlam, was over the moon.

Bartlam herself, not given to that kind of hyperbole, ex-pressed quiet satisfaction. "Her figures were much better than in the British championships in November," she said. "She has done a few international competitions now and has learnt to get her act together, to keep cales under pressure."

Both trainer and slower experienced a shock when one judge, from Italy, calmly boisted a dismissive mark of I.I. Only when it was appounced over the public address did he realize his mistake. Bartlam then expected a correction to 2.1, and was delighted when it was raised to 3.1. At Murdoch's stage of development, anything over 3.0 is a minor triumph.

Bartlam regards this result as a springboard for better things in the final two stages of the competition, the original programme this afternoon and the free skating tomorrow night. "It helps to settle you in for the



BOXING: BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP HOPEFULS PREPARE FOR STERN CHALLENGES

Boxing clever: Gary Stretch, of Hackney (right), makes his sparring partner, Terry Dixon, miss yesterday as he prepares to meet Ramón Alegre, of Argentina, for the WBC International light-middleweight title at the London Arena on February 14

Lewis seeks to confirm improvement

By Srikumar Sen

Boxing Correspondent Lennox Lewis continues his campaign to establish himself as Britain's only live hope for Mike Tyson's world beavyweight title tonight at York Hall, Bethnal to meet Tyson in three years' time. In the meantime, he aims to arm himself with the British. European and Commonwealth titles. He has his eyes on Gary Mason, the British champion, and Derek Williams, who holds the Commonwealth title,

against Williams by taking on Noel Quariess, of Liverpool. Williams knocked out Quarless in one round. It is unlikely that Lewis will dispose of the Liverpudian in like manner, nor does he want to. Lewis, who has had only seven professional contests, needs to build up on his ring experience. Besides. Quariess is a big improvement in the kind of men Lewis has been bowling over and can box and punch. He stopped Anders Eklund in one round and John

Lewis measures himself gainst Williams by taking on Noel Quariess, of Liverpool. Williams knocked out Quariess Moorcroft, believes his man will reproduce that old form. "Noel and the first content of the I is a second or the I is a second o has got that feeling about himself now the same as that when he bombed out Ekland and Gardner back in 1983," he said. Quariess can move quickly when he wants to and therefore would be a good test for Lewis. He would force Lewis to react skarply as he seidom tends to stay in one place very long, preferring to hit and run.

Lewis, who won the Olympic gold medal at Seoul for Canada, is a rather more solid propo-sition than Eklund or Gardner. In spite of his limited pro-fessional experience he is an Canadians and Canadians and possesses a heavy punch. His blows should deter Quarless from taking too many liberties, eventually flo ing him whenever he wants to. A calculated sixth or seventh round finish would do Lennox nicely.

RESIS.TS: Wemen's compusiony ligares.

1. N Labedeva (USSR), 0.4pts, 2. P Nesk (MG), 0.8; 3. N Strabnevskaya, (USSR), 1.2; 4. Z Comesia (Yug), 1.8; 5. Grossmann (EG), 2.0; 6. B Gehmin (tr), 2.7; C Worlf (MG), 2.8; 8. M Kleinsann (WG), 3.2; 9. T Teglassy (Hori), 3.5; 10. Persson (Swe) 4.0. British: 13, E-Murdod, 5.2; 21, A Law, 8.4.

activities." He also had the that, given the Prime Minbecome all-seat stadiums. RFL expresses concern at Taylor's recommendations

By Louise Taylor Officials of mass spectator sports other than football expect with capacities of more than 10,000, and most rugby union their sports to be largely rounds have capacities of under 10,000," he said. unaffected by the recommenda-"Even Bath, the country's most successful club side has a Taylor's final report on the

capacity of only 8,000. Leicester can hold 17,500, but they are a Rughy Football League anpeared concerned yesterday at well-off club who I believe will the prospect of having to swal-low medicine intended for footbecome all-seated. Similarly Gloucester plan to expand their ball's ills.

David Howes, the public afcapacity to 15,000, and will probably do likewise." fairs executive of the Rugby Football League, said: "We will be approaching the relevant authorities and asking to be Plans to make Twickenham

into an all-seated stadium with a capacity of 75,000 were in place well before the Hillsborough tragedy, said Wood. "Twickconsidered separately rather than blanketed with football. enham will be all-seated within The character and tradition of the next two or three years. We regby league is such that a large are aiready well down that track. number of seats is inappro-priate. Our spectators prefer to and at present have 75 per cent However Wood was nerturbed stand and we have no record of

Taylor's interim report, which prompted a reduction of 15 per cent in standing space on terracing at sports grounds. "No terracing at sports grounds. "No one suggested that this was necessary in rugby, and it has been a disappointment because and to watch the game is such that sometimes up to four times the number of people who can be fitted into grounds want

the Rugby Football Union, to go to rugby,"
reflected a more typical reaction.
He envisaged that the report appears concerned about the nifications of the report. impact on regby union. "On our Denis Evans, the secretary, is due to make a public announcereading of the Taylor report is primarily concerned with stadia ment on Friday morning, in

response to Lord Justice Tay-lor's recommendations. It is understood that the WRU could Cardiff Arms Park because o the proposed regulations, which would probably reduce the capacity of the stadium to

David Pipe, the spokesman for the Jockey Club, hopes that the Taylor report will not im-pinge on racing. "As I see it, one area of the report suggests that the Football Licensing Authority be responsible for all grounds and stadia, backed up We had crowd control prob-

lems in racing about 18 months ago, but we strengthened our regulations, and these have roved effective."
Pipe believes the concept of all-seated stadia is largely irrelevant to racing. "It is not a ball game," he said. "Certain

sports do not lend themselves to formal seating arrangements. and this is one of them. Cricket may be a ball game but it, expects to remain un-touched by the report. Peter Smith, the TCCB spokesman, said: "Only Test grounds have a

capacity of more than 10,000.

ing trio in the SRA Women's

Superleague by defeating Lisa

Opie, who is ranked second in

Playing at first string for IMS

Courtlands against Reebok at

Nottingham, she won 9-7, 9-1,

Irving, aged 26 and based at Courtlands during her European

season to be close to Ahmed

Safwat, her Egyptian coach, defeated Martine Le Moignan,

the world champion, last week

England and on the world list

but those grounds are all-seated The Scottish Football Associ ation is still studying the report, and is due to respond early next Oxford share honours as Association shine By Sydney Friskin

HOCKEY

Hockey Association XI.1 Oxford University 1

One of the youngest sides ever to represent the Hockey Associ-ation gave a creditable performance in a drawn match against Oxford University at Reading vesterday.

Strong winds and persistent rain made control a little difficult but there was some fine stick work, particularly from the Gisborne, Hauck and Woods Oxford were without Grimes,

one of their key players, and were under severe pressure in the first-half during which the Hockey Association forced a succession of short corners.

Kirkland and Waugh shared the striking but with Stringer in the Oxford goal on his mettle, they enjoyed no success until a minute before half-time, from their sixth short corner. The ball vas cleverly pushed to the left of the circle, where the unmarked Gisborne was able to slot it in. Oxford began the second half by substituting Ghauri for Jacks

SQUASH RACKETS

Opie bows to Irving's authority

to lift Courtlands from the

league basement, however, Ir-

ving's Essex colleagues.

Samantha Langley and Liz

Brown, again lost to the oppos-

ing lower order at Nottingham,

which was enough to keep the

Recbok side at the head of the

appears now to rest with Colets,

who this week defeated Yellow

Pages Caversham at Tharnes

Ditton, with Michelle Martin.

Busy schedule ahead for LeMond

The challenge to Nottingham

Liz Irving, from Australia, the world No. 5, completed her domination of England's lead-

scored in the 24th minute. In the closing minutes Oxford were penalized for hitting the ball away after the whistle was blown and conceded a short corner. Fortunately for them the shot by Waugh was too high and was disallowed.

The decision to allow both sides to make rolling substitu-tions detracted from the traditions of this annual match. HOCKEY ASSOCIATION XI: S Maso HOCKEY ASSOCIATION Xt 8 Mason (Frebrand): M Waspi (Wellington School, Rochester and Gravesend). F Davis (Miffield School), M Kirktand (Slough, captain), B Cope (Bedford School; sub: D Phillips, Exter School and Isca). J Hauste (Kingston GS). P Glibbins (Harborne). D Woods (The Lays and Cambridge City), S Nicklin (Sir Wilsam Borlese and Slough). G Gisborne (Southgate; sub: G Benbury, Sough).

Sough).

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: J Stringer (Warford GS and New Cottage), I Long (Coventry and Magdalen). D Waring (Kings Mecclesfield and St Edmund Hall), M Mernditis (Ratclittle and Pemproles), 'G Peters (St Georges Weybride and Christ-church, captain). P Farlem (Diocesan College. Capstown and New Cottage), D Meal (Warwick and St Edmund Hall) J Evacs (Maddstone GS and Ories). J Raiph (Aylesbury GS and Brasenose), 'A Snafig (Caterham and Lincoln). S Jectes (Coventry and Magdalen: sub: 'S Gheuri, Kingston GS and Worcester). Umpires: B Simpson and K Mounter (Midland Counties). · a Blue

MOTOR SPORT

ACO to add chicanes at Le Mans

The Automobile Club l'Ouest has announced that its Le Mans 24-hour sports car race will take place, after all, on June 16 and 17 as scheduled (John Blunsden writes).

For several months the ACO has been in conflict with FISA, the sport's ruling body, climaxthat in future no circuit with a kilometres would be sanctioned.

The Sarthe circuit incor-porates the famous seven-kilometre Mulsanne straight on which speeds of over 250mph are achievable.

The ACO has agreed to introduce two new chicanes on he straight, but it cannot yet claim international status he race. The FISA secretary, Yvon Lyon, said in Paris yes-erday that no race involving foreign teams and drivers can take place on a circuit that has not been officially inspected and nomologated.

That means in theory that the race will take place, but that all its leading participants are prevented from taking part.

Versatile Mader beats

Norwegian challenge Steve Locher, of Switzerlan

SKIING

Les Menuires (Reuter) — Guenther Mader, of Austria, thwarted a strong Norwegian challenge to win a men's World Cup super-giant slalom race The Austrian clocked Imin

14.79sec to beat Ole Christian Furuseth by 0.45sec, with another skier from Norway. Atle Skaardal, third a further 0.02sec

Mader's victory made up for the disappointment of finishing third in the supergiant stalom in Val d'Isère on Monday when he was beaten by two late starters who were rank outsiders. It was the third World Cup

victory of Mader's career, all in different disciplines. He won a years ago and a giant slaiom earlier this season in Mount St Anne, Canada. Furuseth also finished second in the race in Canada

Furuseth's excellent performance enhanced his chances of heating Pirmin Zurbriggen for this year's overall World Cup title. Zurbriggen, of Switzerland, seeking a fourth title in his final season, came only seventh and his lead was cut from 48 points

shock winner of the Val d'Isère race from a start number of 46. came down to earth with a bump. His time of Imin 17.35sec left him more than 24 seconds off the leaders and a

long way out of the top 30.

Mader's victory was Austria's sixth of the men's World Cup in the past 17 days. "It's great for me to win a super-giant sialom at last," Mader said, "I had a bad season last year when I tried to race all four events so this time I decided to concentrate on the technical events and go on from there. But I still would like

from there. But I still would like to do downhills later."

RESULTS: 1, G Mader (Austria) Imm 14.79sec. 2, O C Furuseth (Nort, 1:15.24; 3, A Skaardal (Nor), 1:15.28; 4, 1-8 Erisseon (Swe), 1:15.32; 5, A Schleter 67.

1:15.34; 8, F Piccard (Fr), 1:15.52; 7, F Zurbriggen (Switz), 1:15.52; 5, A Schleter 67.

1:15.58; 10, 3-L Creber (Fr), 1:16.00; 11, Sepharter (Austria), 1:16.26; 13, K Aloger (Switz), 1:16.27; 14, K A Asmodt (Nor), 1:16.38; equal 15, J Polig (N) and H Hoseimer (Austria), 1:16.40, Establish placings: 68, G Sell, 1:20.41; 70; R Duncan, 120.87.

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated FA Cup Fourth round replay Newcastle Utd v Reading (7.45) QPR v Arsenal (7.45) another Australian, ranked Liverpool v Norwich

Bolton v Rotherham

Barclays League

B and Q Scottish League Arbroath v East Fife

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ham v Reading (2.0): Oxford Utd v Brighton. Postpenad: Crystal Petace v West Ham. LANCASHIRE ATS TROPHY: Second round: Coine Dynamoes v Bacup Borough RUGBY UNION

BA COUNTY CHAMPIONERIP: n divisional play-off: Middlesex v Aberavon (7.0); Cambridge Univ v Royal Navy (3.0); Llanelli v Glamorgan Windrs (7.0); Odord Univ v RAF (3.0); Plymouth v Exeter Univ (7.15); Swansea v Penarth (7.0). CLUB MATCHES: South Glemorgan Inst v

RUGBY LEAGUE STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP; St Helens y Bradford, Silk Cut Challenge: First round replay: Ryedele York v Fulham (8.0); Wakefield v Swindon (7.30). SLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE CIP: First round: Widnes v Warrington (7.30): Net-ional Police Cup: final: Greater Manchester v West Yorkshire (at

Chortton, 2.0). SPORT ON TV

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Screenspor 10am-12-30pm: Highlights of Superbow 2007 from New Orleans.

FOOTBALL: Screensport 4:15-6 Spanish League: Gsasuma v Barcel Eurosport 10pm-ruknight. ICE HOCKEY: Screens

ICE SKATING: Eurosport 12-3pm and 7-7.30pm: Pigure strating: Live coverage of the European championships from Labitariad; Soviet Union: ITV 11.03pm endingne: Highlights of the European championships from Loningrad. MOTORCYCLING: Screensport 1930 11.30pm ice Speadwey: Highlights cells World chemplonebly quarter direls from

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SPORT EN FRANCE: Screensp 3pm and 11.30pm-midnight. SPORTSNIGHT: BBC1 10pm (fig. Commonwealth Games telecast begins Football: Highlights of the FA Cup four round replayer Figure stading: Highlight of the European championships. High

SURFING: Eurosport 7.30 Sport TENNIS: Screensport 7:30-8:30 Chris Erent's last Wimbledon: 1989 TEN PIN BOWLING: Streenspor 4.75pm; Highlights of the 1990 w

RUGBY LEAGUE Great Britain plan end

to 11 years of defeat

The announcement of the itin- commenting on the 11-year erary for the Great Britain summer tour of Papua New Guinea and New Zealand reveals the surprising, and rather disturbing, fact that the British have not won an international match in New Zealand for 11

disaster or misbehaviour.

"The report indicates that any covered ground could be des-ignated to come under the aegis

of the licensing authority, but if

a 10.000 capacity is taken as the

watersized, 11 of our 35 grounds

have capacities of more than

10,000, and we would not want them to become all-seated."

would have only a marginal

Dudley Wood, the secretary of

This losing run includes the third international of 1979, all three big games on the 1984 tour and the World Cup match in

Great Britain, who won the recent home series with New Zealand 2-1, will play five international matches, two of them carrying World Cup points, on a punishing nine-week schedule. They will play 15 games, starting on May 14 against the Southern Zone, at Port Moresby, and ending with the third New Zealand inter

Word Cup), Christinuch.

Hull's clash with St Helens at national, at Christchurch, on

ly 15.
The tour director, Maurice Challenge Cup second round on medsay, the Wissen challenge Cup second round on Lindsay, the Wigan chairman. February 10 (2.15).

barren period, said yesterday: "A concerted effort is needed to turn the tables and build a strong foundation for the autumn series against the world champions, Australia, Ellery Hanley, Andy Gregory

and Joe Lydon have told Lindsay that they are likely to tour. rather than accept seductive invitations to play in Australia invitations to play in Australia.
ITHERARY: Papus New Guinea: May 20:
Southern Zone, Port Moresby: May 23:
Northern Highlands, Lae; May 27: Papus New Guinea. Goroka: May 33: Islands
Zone. Rabbut; June 3: Papus New Guinea.
(World Cup). Port Moresby. New Zealand.
June 10: Prasidents XIII, Naper; June 13:
Canterbury, Cantschurch; June 17: Auckland, Canaw Park: June 20: Kiwi Colts,
Hamilton; June 24: New Zealand, Palmerston North: June 27: Wellington, Basin
Reserve; July 1: Moaris, Rotorius; July 4:
Taranski, New Piymoun; July 8: New
Zealand, Aucklesno; July 15: New Zealand
(Vorid Cup), Christchurch.

Monflanquin, France (AFP) -Greg LeMond, the American who came back from a shooting accident to win the Tour de France and world championship the Boulevard will be the BBC last year, has set himself a hectic racing schedule for this year. The focus of his season is the Tour of Italy and the Tour de

France, but he will be riding virtually every big race apart from the Tour of Spain. He begins with three events in Spain next month before tackling Paris-Nice, Milan-San Remo and the Belgian classics. and the Tour de Trump

"I love racing I can't get

aside Le Moignan.

volument is the best way to keep in form," he said yesterday in Monflanquin, where he joined his new French learn for pre-scason training.

LeMond, whose three-year contract tops \$5 million, is wary of Stephen Roche, of Ireland, who has been plagued by injury.

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eighth in the world, brushing Littlewoods Cup Fifth Round replay Both Irving and Martin are West Ham v Derby (7.45) Oldham v Southampton long experienced in Brisbane Pennant competition from their Leyland Daf Cup days at the Australian Institute Northern quarter-final Of SQLissit.

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1-9, 9-3, 5-9; F Geaves bt S Langley, 7-9,
9-2, 9-1, 9-7; S Brady bt L Brown, 9-4, 9-7,
9-6. Coleta 2, Yellow Pages Caverstern 1
(M Martin bt M Le Mognan, 9-7, 9-7, 9-8;
A Cunnings bt S FitzGerald, 5-9, 9-3, 9-4,
10-8; C Jackman lost to S Wright, 4-9, 5-9,
9-5, 9-5, 2-9, League positions: Nothingham, 21pts; Colets, 19; Caversham, 15;
Cannons, 10; Courtlands, 5.

Fourth division Maidstone v Rochdale (8.0). Tennents Scottish Cup Third round replay Hamilton v Dunfermline

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COMMONWEALTH GAMES: BBC1 5.30-9.20am, 11.05am-1pm, 7-8pm and 10pm-

BASKETBALL: European 9-10am: High-lights from the European club circuit. BOXING: Screensport 7-8.30em and 6-

TRANS WORLD SPORT: Euroeport
Sport from around the world

RUGBY UNION

Tunisians to visit

county semi-final

rivals in March

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Middlesex and Hampshire, who play off at Wasps this evening

for the remaining place in the

semi-finals of the Toshiba county championship, will link again in March for the purpose

Wasps. The second game will give Middlesex the opportunity

to return hospitality received last May, when they beat Tu-nisia under-23, and the full

from December - when torren-tial rain washed out the sched-uled match - and have brought

The Times at the Commonwealth Games

Lewis becomes first woman swimmer to win five gold medals

Hayley Lewis put the icing on

Vacuum

Australia's record-breaking Australia

The Brisbane schoolgirl, aged 15, added the 200 metres butterfly title, in a Games Lisa Curry-Kenny, of record of 2min 11.15sec, to Australia, took her tally of her victories in the 400 metres individual medley, 200 metres and 400 metres freestyle and the 4 x 200 metres freestyle

the making from the Austra-lians, Glen Housman, aged 17, and Kieran Perkins, aged 16, who became the second and third men in the world to

Australia s record-breaking medal cake by becoming the first woman swimmer to win five golds at a Commonwealth Games, on the final day of events at the Henderson Pool.

The Brisbane schoolgirl, and 15 added the 200 more at the said the

gold medals to four, with victory in the 50 metres freestyle in a Commonwealth record of 25.80, taking rerelay. She also took bronze in venge on her team-mate, the 200 metres medley.

Karen Van Wirdum (26.00),
There was more history in who beat her at the 100 metres 26.54, just ahead of Caroline Woodcock, of Barnet, sixth in

Victory was tainted for

Morgan rules the highboard at last Robert Morgan, of Wales, sank the opposition in the men's highboard diving on the last day metre champion, said: "I wasn't metre champion said: "I wasn't metre

of competition.

Morgan, aged 22, from
Liantwir Major, who is coached
by Peter Squires, the Weish
coach, and dives for Barnet
Copthall, was so far altead of his
opposition that, had he not
dived in the last round, he
would have won anyway would have won anyway.

He did dive, however, to take gold with a points total of 639.84 - a tally greater than that gained by Greg Lougania, of the United itates, when he took gold at the

Scoul Olympics.
David Bedard, of Canada, captured the silver, with 555.54 points, while bronze went to his countryman, Bruno Fournier, who scored 544.50. After his stylish victory, Mor-

Irwin rival

incident

Morgan's Games victory represents the first time every-thing has gone right for him at a major championship. Hopes of a medal in Seoul were wiped out by several below-par dives, and he will now be keen to stake his claim to world highboard supremacy on a wider stage.

That chance will come early

in March, at the Spring Swal-lows international in the Soviet Union, when Morgan is set to clash with top European divers from both East and West.

Housman by his time of 14:55.25, just 0.59sec outside the seven-year-old record of Vladimir Salnikov, of the Soviet Union, Housman broke that standard in December, but the electronic timing failed and, according to FINA rules, world records cannot be ratified if taken manually by just one timekeeper.

None the less, Housman's win took Australia's medal tally to a record 21 golds, 19 silvers and 13 bronzes.

For England, a personal best of 15:20.23 by Ian Wilson was good enough for fifth, while his Sunderland teammate. Kevin Boyd, a doctor, fin-ished last in 15:38.85, which was well below par.

England took some revenge on Australia in the men's 4 x 100 medley relay, when Austyn Shortman, aged 17, of Bristol, produced an awesome final leg to secure silver by just 0.03 of a second, in 3:43.88, behind Canada's 3:42,45.

That medal took England's tally to one gold, five silvers and seven bronzes, a poor show and well down on the last two Games.

However, there was another British record for Joanne Deakins, of Gloucester, in the 200 metres backstroke. In a tremendous finish, she missed the bronze by 0.21sec, in 2:14.74. Deakins, under the guidance of Henry Meinike, her coach, has now established herself as the leading British backstroker. She also captured the 100 metres English record

For Scotland, another disas-trous day made Auckland its worst Games, with no medals

Jones breaks new in barging ground for women

terday after clinching a place in the Commonwealth Games featherweight final. His oppo-nent, Jamie Nicolson, of Austra-lia, the world championship bronze medal winner, was dis-qualified after receiving three public warnings for barging. Nicolson erumpled disbeliev-

ingly to the canvas as the referee, Omer Gagnon, of Canada, issued the third caption 43 seconds from the end of the bout The Australian, aged 18, staggered miserably to his feet and returned to his corner in

After he had composed him-Nicolson, of Doncaster,

yatulated Irwin – but he
was cold-shouldered by the
Australian coach, Johnny

3.50

Ironically, it was Irwin, aged 20, a joiner by trade, who received the first warning from Common for holding the state of Gagnon for holding in the second round, much to the dismay of the large audience, who saw Nicolson as the chief

Irwin, who has yet to lose in England colours, meets Jazi Ally, of Tanzania, for the gold

The result cannot be over-turned by any protest, although the tournament jury has the right to take action against officials. Nicolson will still re-

From Peter Bryan Louise Jones became cycling's first woman Commonwealth

Games gold medal winner last night when, riding for Wales, she won the 1,000 metres sprint on the Manukau track, beating the Australian champion, Julie Speight, 2-1 in the final. Women's track and road events are included in the Games pro-gramme for the first time, The sprint series had been onoff repeatedly during the pre-

vious 24 hours because beavy rain made the steeply banked track unsafe for racing, but it finally dried out. The un-certainty affected all four women riding for the gold, silver and bronze medals, wreaking havoc with their eating, sleeping and warm-up schedules.

As much as anything, her failure to qualify in last year's world championships was Louise Jones's spur to success but she first had to come through a controversial semi-final round against Sue Golder, of New Zealand, aged 43, the oldest competitor on the track.

That hurdle cleared, Jones then made a shaky start in her final match with Speight when the Australian swooped down the banking with 250 metres to go, gaining the inside position to win by a length. The second race became phys-

ical on the dash to the line, Speight challenging hard after Jones had taken the lead at the

Though Jane Morris and Ray

Morris, still just 20, bamboo-

zled the more experienced Ali-

tion, only by moving up a weight category. He armlocked Duncan Campbell, of Scotland, held Terence Watt, aged 43, of

Northern Ireland, the oldest but also the canniest man in the

competition, and beat Lampkin

Most relieved of all four was

shoulder down the back straight and into the final banking; neither gave way and Jones got the verdict by half a wheel. In the decider, Jones domi-nated from the front. The tactic

paid off but Speight was only half a length down at the line. The bronze medal went to Golder, the former international hockey player and athletics silver medal winner at the 1974 Games. She and Tania Duff, win and the decider saw Duff cross the line first after a bumping ride with Golder on

Officials relegated Duff to second place, giving Golder a medal in her last track appear-While Jones was in action for

Wales, the England officials were lobbying to oppose a Canadian recommendation that in the 1994 Games track cycling should be dropped because of the high cost of building a

velodrome.
The Canadian proposal will be opposed by England, Wales, the Isle of Man, Australia and New Zealand, among others, but one factor which may determine the issue is the date and venue of the world championships that year. At the moment the two competitions could clash in August, but the issue is complicated because the identity of the nation to host the world title races will not be

Leaf from **England exceed hopes** a classic by Corsie Everyone expected the England Judo squad to do well on its first appearance in the main protection and the squaded him in the last

From David Rhys Jones

Rain rarely stops a game of bowls, but play was impossible on the waterlogged greens at Pakuranga yesterday afternoon when the Auckland skies opened, reminding visitors of similar interruptions at Henderson during the world champion-ships in 1988.

David Bryant, consigned surprisingly to the bronze medal play-off, may have wished the downpour had occurred before lunch. He had been unable to find a way of upsetting Richard Corsie, aged 23, who, playing in the style of Rob Parrella, of Australia, drew and drove his way to a 25-17 victory. Bryant, who had harboured hopes of gold, will return to Clevedon without a medal at all.

on a three-point penalty.

"After the other three had won gold medals. I felt the It was Corsie's ability to rescue himself with his third or pressure was really on for me to make a clean sweep for Englan fourth deliveries that swung the but the sheer strength of some of match in his favour. Taking a these men was a real eye-opener," Stevens said. leaf out of Bryant's book, he showed he had digested every word: sometimes it was a ferocious firing shot that did the damage; sometimes a delicate

> Bryant will now turn his attention to supporting his England colleagues in the team events, where Gary Smith and Andy Thomson, of Kent, are hoping they can topple Australia in their final round robin game

unbeaten.
In the women's fours, England, skipped by Mavis Steele, and Scotland, skipped by Joyce Lindores, had also won all their matches and meet tomorrow for a place in Friday's final.



FOOTBALL

Howe seeks more creativity but the same commitment Arsenal include Pates, the recent £500,000 signing from Charlton Athletic, in their squad, but the central defender

By Louise Taylor

Don Howe may have pro-nounced himself "delighted" with last Saturday's goalless FA Cup fourth-round tie at Highbury, but spectators were far from enthralled. Disillusion with the negativity of Howe's Queen's Park Rangers, and of the Arsenal side managed by George Graham, ran so deep that one commentator suggested that anyone going to Loftus Road for tonight's replay should take a book.

The coaching of Howe, man-ager of Arsenal until his dis-missal four years ago, has been blamed for instilling such steril-ity into the game, but Howe insisted he would be asking for more creativity from his players tonight. "Now I am hoping we can play a bit more and get the breaks Arsenal failed to achieve," be said. "It will be the same, team, same, substitutes. same learn, same substitutes, and I am looking for the same

is unlikely to start. The only possible change from Saturday would be the promotion of Thomas from substitute. Gunn, the Norwich City goal-keeper, aims to keep a record fourth consecutive clean sheet against Liverpool, the FA Cup-holders, in tonight's fourth-round replay at Anfield. Concy stands by should Culverhouse fail a fitness test for Norwich fail a fitness test for Norwich.

tail a fitness test for Norwich.
Liverpool expect no changes.
Jim Smith, the Newcastle
United manager, was so disgusted with his players' performances in Saturday's 3-3 FA
Cup draw at Reading that he
declared: "What do I do, I can hardly drop them all?" By contrast, Ian Porterfield, of Reading, was all smiles. His third division side are likely to

Archibald ready to join Español Steve Archibald, the former Manchester United's derby clash against Manchester City at

Scottish forward, is ready to join the Spanish second division Old Trafford on Saturday. It will club, Español, provided he passes a medical examination. be the eighth game in succession that the England and United captain has been absent as the injury takes longer than anticipated to clear.

United will also be without Steve Bruce, who is serving the Archibald, aged 33, bought out the remainder of his contract with Hibernian last week and flew straight to Barcelona Steve Bruce, who is serving the second of a three-match suspenfor talks with the city's junior

Español officials were surprised by the speed of Archibald's movements, al-though they confirmed that he was one of the foreign players

sion. City will be without Peter Reid, who is also serving a Richard Cooke, aged 24, was was one of the foreign players they were interested in to replace their Uruguayan midfield player, Zalazar.

Bryan Robson will miss transfer-listed by Luton, having made just one League appearance following his £125,000 move from Bournemouth last March.

Woe for Cliftonville

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Megève 20 80 good powder fair cloud 2 30/1
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Vary good skiing, off piste very dangerous

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Cliftonville, who meet Glen-toran in a fifth round Bass Irish Cup replay at Solitude today (2.30), could be without at least

This afternoon's winner will Ballymena-Dungannon match meet the junior club, Barn travel to Newry Town in the United, at home for a place in next round.

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SCOTLAND

Two other replays will be played today with Ballymens United, the holders, away to

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six first-team regulars with the winger, Sean O'Kane, the latest casualty with hamstring trouble (George Ace writes). The winners of the

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has a knee injury.

In the Littlewoods Cup,
Derby County travel to West
Ham United for a fifth-round second replay without half their first squad. The absentees, who are either injured or suspended, include Shilton, Wright, Hindmarch, McMinn, Hindmarch, McMinn, Micklewhite, Blades, and Pick-ering, Williams and Ger face fitness tests. Williams, Round, Davidson, and Briscoe are likely

to debut. West Ham welcome Dicks back, after suspension, and Potts, after injury. Robson plays his second game following an 18-month lay-off.

Moore, the Southampton de fender, is likely to be denied an opportunity to face Oldham Athletic, his former club, in tonight's Littlewoods Cup fifth-round replay. Instead, Ruddock is expected to start on the Boundary Park plastic, where

Harvey's savage intruder

Schools football by George Chesterton

The Harvey Grammar School, representing Kent, went through in the Barclays under-19 competition, to meet either Alleyn's or Clerent Danes, by beating Hemel Hempstead 2-1. Bowers opened the scoring for Harvey and Lawson equalized with 15 minutes to go. Play was held up for 15 minutes after Mappledeck, Harvey's left back, was bitten by a passing alsatian. Ten minutes after the restart Wootton scored the winner.

St Albans beat first Bedford Modern 3-1 and then Hailey-bury 5-2. Bedford Modern fared better against Bedford School, beating them 3-1. Lancing drew 2-2 with Christ's Hospital, who came from 1-0 down and led 2-1 with goals by Todd and Reeve. Lancing's equalizer.

Brentwood beat Haileybury
3-1. Sanson put them ahead and

Rushworth made it 2-0 before half-time. Allen scored to make it 3-0 and Idreira headed a goal back for Haileybury.

Llanelli hope to confirm a tish but Scottish had arranged to regular fixture against Agen, the leading French side, at Stradey Park at Easter. play Harlequins, Coventry will instead play Rosslyn Park at Rochampton.
Coventry will bring Clive
Medford, Rob Hardwick and
Mark Bennett into theteam to

impressive for North

A full programme of schools rugby was held, at Wolver-hampton RFC, despite floods and gales, which made Saturday's match between the North and the South West a demanding affair (Michael Stevenson writes).

Sunday's game between the Midlands and London was played in better conditions but was less satisfactory in the eyes

The North make three hanges for their match against the Midlands at Doncaster on February 11. Mather returns at lock. Black replaces Lewys-Lloyd at hooker and Dawson

plays on the wing for Bentley.
The North, though they won narrowly, 16-10, were impressive and their backs inventive and sharp in the conditions. Edwards at stand-off half was most impressive and McCarthy, in the centre, positive. The North's points came from tries by the wings, Bentley and Belton, with Cross kicking a

penalty and two conversions. For the South West Williams and Annan scored tries.

The South West make only two changes for the match against London and South East at Harrow School on February 10, Allen coming into the centre for Hutchings and Stringer replacing Yates at full back. Midlands took a long time to

dominate but ultimately de-served their 14-7 victory. Hill at full back and the halves, Burke and Pollard, played well for the losers and Brennan impressed in the back row for Midlands. The visitors led until well into the second half, through a penalty by Burke and a try by Pollard, made by Rollitt. Midlands forced a penalty try,

awarded for collapsing. Tomlinson converted and Regan scored a final try.
The Midlands make one change, G Taylor, of RGS Worcester, coming in at No. 8 for M T Taylor, of Bromsgrove; Smallwood is re-selected. London make six changes.

played the first half of this season for Castres, in France, though his running skills may not be in demand if the appalling weather continues today.

Hampshire have introduced Bates at full back but will miss

Thompson, of Harlequins,

of entertaining Tunisia.

The Tunisians will be making a brief visit as part of their preparations for the African the injured Guyatt in the centre, and the absent Sheldon from zone qualifying tournament for the 1991 World Cup, which will be played in Harare, in May. They will play Hampshire at US Portsmouth on March 13, and Middlesex two days later at their back row. At least they have had a mid-term game against the Army to keep in frim, when all but Chambery-Davis of today's XV were involved in a 37-22 victory. The other semi-final, between

MIDOLESEX: S Rabinson (Seracers): J Johanon (Bath), J Laieu (London Weish), A Thompson (Castrel), M Wedderburn harroques): M Flecher (harroques): N Flecher (harroques): N Flecher (harroques), R Weisland (Waspe), J McFarlson (Saracers), R Weisland (London Weish), P Linley (Saracers), L Ademson (Saracers), S Deer (Rosslyn Park), I White (Wasps), C Sheenby (harlequans). Tunisian national side, which was in the process of taking the wooden spoon in group B1 of the FIRA competition. First, however, the two coun-ties must decide which of them will play Cornwall at Redruth on March 3. Middlesex have benefited by the postponement

will be played at Orrell, also on March 3.

Llanelli seeking Easter engagement with Agen

John Maclean, the Llanelli fixture secretary, said: "We are 70-30 hopeful. We are looking at April 16 and Agen are in favour in principle."

• A fixture mistake almost left

Coventry Rugby Club without a match on February 10. They were due to play London Scot-

COVENTRY: M Fairn: I. McKonsie, C. Medlord, S. Chapman, M. Bennott, R. Rowan, A. Savage, G. Tregdgus, A. Fairnston, R. Hardwick, J. Hyle, A. Guitwer, P. Thomas (capi), G. Robons, R. Towers, Edwards is England's display encourages

visit Waterloo on Saturday,

the England 18 Group at di-visional level, the England Colts must be encouraged by the showing of the national side in the first of their four games against the divisions (Michael Stevenson writes).

England, including four Midlands players, defeated the Mid-lands 18-0, through a second-half performance of con-siderable authority. The first half, in which both sides took some time to accustom themselves to the mud and standing water on one of Wolver-

hampton's junior pitches, was not so satisfactory. With West winning good lineout balls, the Midlands, who had the edge territorially in the first half, looked the betterorganized team, though ironically MacAdam put Penn away for the only England score.

Penn was over again shortly after the interval, benefiting from a couple of missed tackles, then MacAdam scored England's third try and Allison converted, before chipping ahead for the fourth England

try.
Peter Ingram joins the same
Colts squad at RAF Halton on February 9 for training, before the team for the next England

Aylesbury, is announced.
The other matches that England will play before their in March are against London, at the North, at Harrogate on

February 25.

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(Eastern Countries), A Carmack
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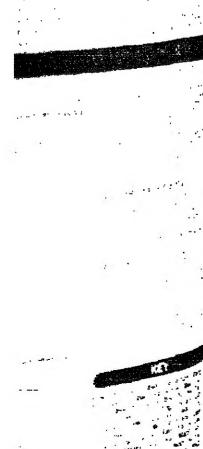
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opening day, with four gold stevens, the light-heavyweights, medals from four weight didn't win so convincingly, neither looked like losing. Miss The heavyweight contingent excelled. From the moment the neavyweight, Sharon Lee, from Birmingham, exploded into acend of the day, when Ray Stevens, the light-heavyweight,

appearance in the main programme of the Commonwealth

Games, but no one really hoped

for a perfect record on the

tion at the start, throwing the heavier Geraldine Dekker, of had won his controversial selec-Australia, with a leg grab, to the contained the aggression of another Australian, Dean Lampkin, the England players dominated comfortably. Not once did they concede a score. the Midlands, were the most impressive, winning with a succession of perfect scores. Lee justified her ranking as world No. 2 in the stylish way she

TODAY AND TOMORROW

in clean sweep of gold

From Nicolas Soames

for him.

Today's Programme BOWLS: 20.00: women's pairs, semi-ficats: women's town. CYCLING: 22.00: men's 4,000m team pursuit, semi-ficate. SHOOTING: 20.00: sheet individual 1st running boar stow, individual. Michight Centre fire individual Tomorrow's programme

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BOXING: 05.00 Solding finals. CYCLING: 06.00: Finals of men's 4,000m bern pursult; lecency's 3,000m individual pursult; men's 10 mile scratch.

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881 6.30em: Soxing semi-finals. 88C1 11.05em-1pm and 7-9pm. Eurosport: 3-4pm: Highlights of the skills Tomorrow

boxing Snais. BBC1 8.30-9,20cm, 11.05cm-1pm and 7-Sprosport 12-1sm, 4-5pm and 10-17pm: Highlights of the seventh and eighth day.

GYMNASTICS: 08.00: Phytholic individ-

BBC1 1.30em: men's high jump final.
3.30em: men's long-jump final. 4em: women's 800m final. 4.30em: men's 800m final. 4.50em: women's 200m final. 5em: women's 200m final. 5em: women's 200m final. 5em: men's 5,000m final. 6.30em: boxing finals.

in section A; Tony Allcock's four are also banking on the Australians losing at least once Robert Weale and Will Thomas, of Wales, are still favourites to qualify for the pairs final from section B, while Willie Wood's Scottish and Jim Baker's Irish fours are also

Calmgorn: snow level, 2,000tt; vertical rares, 2,000tt. Runs: upper, all completes; middle and lower, most completes; ample nursery areas; access roads clear; charists open; tows, six open, (Blensheet, snow level, 800tt; vertical runs, 1,000tt; hun rarrow; ample nursery areas; access roads clear; Lectit: snow level, 1000tt; vertical runs, 650tt. Runs: mpin, most complete; beginner, all complete; access roads clear; truns, six open, Aoresch Morrsch werel, 2,000tt; vertical runs, 1,700tt. Runs: upper, tresh snow on a packed base; lower wet snow, heavy going; access roads clear; chaintits and towardscess roads (cop Gondola). Gleneces snow

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level, 800th; vertical rurs, 1,800th. Rurscupper, hall closed today and tomorrow; challititis and tows closed. Forecast. Sking sreas will have sunny spells with scattered showers, fallig as snow above 2,000th. Cloud will be scattered in the east with bess at 3,000th, it will overcast at 2,000th dusting snowers, in western areas, overcast cloud is expected with base between 1,500th to 2,000th. Winds everywhere will be strong to gale force south to southwesterly, reaching severe gale at times on higher slopes. Freezing levels with earnound 2,500th. Outdook Surmy but with further right of show showers tomorrow. Friday will see some snow spreading from the south, with heavy falls and dritting likely.

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Phr: Hegionia Filia Lincolnshire 4. ENGLISH SCHOOLS BARCLAYS UNDER-19 CUP: Second round replay: Barnsley College 5, Gritmsby College 0.

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Gilkes voices his disappointments over Thompson

Daley Thompson, Britain's Gilkes, aged 27, who after Games leading all-round athlete of the years in Thompson's shadow Gilke 1980s, offers a bad example to youngsters off the track, according to Eugene Gilkes yesterday, the day after he won a bronze medal for England in the decathlon at the Commonwealth Games in

Gilkes, a club-mate of Thompson at Newham and his likely successor as En-gland's No. 1 decathlete. admitted that the two men rarely speak. Gilkes said that the former double Olympic champion was "not the ideal role model" for youngsters. Sometimes he lets himself

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No test facilities

for drugs in India

Delhi (Reuter) - The Indian weightlifter who failed a drugs

test at the Commonwealth

Games was not tested pre-viously because India had no

adequate testing facilities, the

head of the country's weight-

lifting federation said

Subratakumar Paul, winner

of two silver medals and a

bronze in the lightweight

(67.5kg) division, tested pos-

itive for anabolic steroids in an

Paul flew home before hear-

ing the result of the follow-up

test, being conducted in Syd-

ney, but Games sources said

yesterday it had also proved

Chaman Mehta said Paul

could not be adequately tested

before the Games in Auckland

because "we do not have any

such testing facilities in In-

Retired Air Marshal

initial test on Monday.

has had to battle through a series of injury problems to earn his Auckland success. "I wouldn't want my son to behave in public the way Daley has sometimes done,"

Thompson has often courted controversy off the track. He once used a fourletter word on televison when collecting the BBC Sports Personality of the Year award and caused a storm when he made flippant comments about the Princess Royal during a press conference when he won gold in the decathlon at

Gilkes, from Croydon, has been at the same London club as Thompson for many years but admits their paths never

month-old son, was angry that

the BBC had not shown any

coverage of the first day's

events in the decathlon on

Sunday. He said: "I was

disgusted when I heard that.

What upsets me is that when

Daley isn't there, it doesn't

less interesting."

make the decathion any the

Even the announcer at the

Mount Smart Stadium added

to Gilkes' disappointment

when he asked spectators to

give the watching Thompson a

round of applause during the

decathlon competition. The

crowd responded with a long,

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drug use.
"Lifters are not generally tested for drugs . . . We have cross. Ironically, Gilkes was to accept their words on face value, while warning them of the consequences if found guilty on this count," Mehta

"We even made the lifters selected for Auckland sign a legal bond saying that in the event of them being caught for taking steroids they would have to refund the cost incurred in training and sending

He said the Indian Olympics Association (IOA) had told the WFI to conduct a thorough medical examination of its 10 entrants before they left India for Auckland. The federation had complied as best it could, but without laboratories able to detect concealed use of steroids.

Both Mehta and an IOA

called in by the England selectors to replace Thompson when the former world No. 1 pulled out of the Auckland team last month through injury.
"Don't get me wrong, Daley

Thompson is a great athlete he has been the decathion for the past 10 years. If I were a youngster. I would have to admire Daley's athletic ability, but one has to say that he is not the ideal role model for people's children."

Thompson, in New Zealand to watch the Games, was reluctant to comment either on Gilkes' performance or his words but confirmed that he is back in training after his knee operation last year and hopes to compete in the European Championships in Yugoslavia in August. "I feel no urge to



dia". He said all that the compete here, but I aim to be Weightlifting Federation of spokesman said they did not eightlifting under threat of expulsion

By John Goodbody

Weightlifting, one of the most splendidly basic of sports, has been riddled with drugs for more than 20 years.

So frequently have there been drug scandals at important Games that there were meves to drop weightlifting from the Olympic Games programme after Seoul, when five of the 10competitors found positive were from weightlifting and the team from Bulgaria, one of the two strongest nations in the world. was sent home.

This call for expulsion was revived in Auckland after the disqualification of Subratekumar Paul, of India, after tests. However, Tamas Ajan, the secretary general of the International Weightlifting Federation, immediately objected, saying:

"In that case you can kick out

sports have their own

Ajan said it was easy to single out any sport for expul-sion because the problem of drugs in sport was so widespread. "But why this sport? Why not another sport?"

He said that weightlifting had strict random testing worldwide, although he admitted it was still not enough. "Drugs are the main problem of modern sport. Even though we are doing many drug tests, the present procedures are not perfect."

Weightlifting has always been particularly susceptible to competitors who take proscribed substances. A weightlifter's introspection and obsessional desire for selfimprovement have always lent themselves to an interest in diet, food supplements and eventually to drug-taking in a

bid to improve performances. Anabolic steroids, the bodybuilding drugs which

help increase muscular bodyweight and aid competitors to recover more quickly from intensive training, became widely used in the 1960s, particularly in the United States and the communist countries, where weightlifting is especially

popular. Stimulants were also used to aid competitors on the day of competition, and when drug tests were introduced at the 1970 world weightlifting championships, eight competitors were found positive, including several medal winners.

Experimental testing for anabolic steroids, which help in the retention of nitrogen and the utilization of protein. was carried out at the 1974 Commonwealth Games after action, competitors might use

Professor Raymond Brooks in

At the 1976 Olympic Games, the reputation of the sport received a savage blow when seven weightlifters were found positive, including three medal winners.

positive tests at the 1980 Olympics, many competitors had now adopted a new strategy. Because hormone drugs are used primarily in training, weightlifters would take the drugs throughout the year and then cease taking them about a month before a competition.

the benefit from the substances but without always risking detection. In the period after coming off steroids or testosterone, the male hormone with a pure anabolic

Leeds rugby league club yes-

terday completed the first part

of their swoop on rugby union

from Headingley.

a breakthrough in analysis by Human Growth Hormone Jeakins, the former Olympic (HGH), for which there is no ccurate test.

However, the drug scandals have large quantities of homrone drugs in his baggage

California for trafficking in

chain for buying and selling substances which stretched across Europe and the United

Pinsent bought drugs from Richard Crawley, a former member of Britain's junior under-23 squad, who was found positive for a hormone drug while competing in the 1983 national under-23 championships.

Tom Hawk, the British under-23 super-heavyweight powerlifting record-holder, died in a strongman competition in Stirling on July 5. 1988. There is a growing belief that anabolic steroids contributed to his death. When police searched his hotel room, they found hormone drugs.

Hawk trained at the Thames Valley College gymnasium, run by Pinsent. However, there is no evidence that Hawk obtained the drugs from Pinsent or the gymna-

Cocooned team refusing to accept reality

From Richard Streeton, Bloemfonten

that the root cause of the trouble, a cricket match, (NSC) rally in a church half. should be allowed to continue.

his England XI and their South African opponents could hear a peaceful tons, dogs and tour ses sprays demonstration against them going on out of sight behind the pavilion; that was all; otherwise, they have not been affected one iota as the situation has rapidly deteriorated.

This controversial tour, however, is not an instance of the ground but they had no cricket taking place under siege, at least not in the sense leaders were dundled into that the 1969-70 South Afpolice vans: others ran rican rugby tour to Britain was disrupted. The demonstrators frightening sheepers. this time have been unable to get into a cricket ground, let alone stop play, and they have not been able to enter the rican police, complete with their dogs, guns and tear gas, have made sure of that.

Gatting's players are trying desperately not to show the growing anxiety that must be mawing at them. The party line from their spokesmen remains that they only wish to play cricket which should be divorced from politics. It is a trite, tired parrot cry from a group of naive sportsmen who are protected everywhere by armed guards and cosseted in

The team's biggest and most constant complaint is that the media coverage in Britain has caused their families stress and worry. More than one wife, apparently, is having second thoughts on whether she should come out later as planned for a holiday.

The South African Cricket Union yesterday provided the players with faxed copies of British newspaper reports on the tour. Some pensive reading followed on the players' balcony. Whether there will soon be a waverer or two remains to be seen; it is more probable that any action to abandon the tour would be a unanimous agreement among

So far there has been no sign that any thought has been given by the players to calling a halt. Surely these cricketers cannot remain sufficiently insensitive to ignore reality very African authorium tinue to summon the gall to do

On Monday night there the tour to continue to lurch

As reports of bloodshed and were injured in a modern violence in the city centre and township. Manguage only nearby townships multiplied two or three miles from the yesterday, it seemed obscene team's hotel, as police broke

The contrast was stark and terday with a police telecie incredible: Mike Gatting and stoned and overlanded a fig. ther 40 arrests and mamarous injuries followed as the bawere invoked acaim to maintain law and order.

Protesters slauning to march to the ground found road blocks. Ah-ui 100 people did gather ever wally conside permit; about 20 of their leaders were amdied min through the city centre

In the end, Paul Niuli, the local anti-tour committee leader, contacted Dr Ali Bacher, SACU's managing team's hotel. The South Af- director, for his help and a

Bacher secured for the NSC legal permission to demonstrate peac, fully outside the ground until Spm with the police agreeing to keep a low profile. About 1,200 turned up and then it was back to the townships for an authorised public meeting to discuss future tactics.

Earlier, Bacher reminded us that the right to protest on political issues had the backing of the Government: "Please remember that protests are a new phenomena for us in South Africa. It is a learning experience that we are going through." SACU still says that it cannot be held responsible for any fracas in townships, however much they obviously regret that it is

happening. SACU, which has already sold 80,000 tickets for the coming representative games. believed that the tour was essential if cricket standards were to be maintained. It hoped that any opposition would be won over by its cricket development scheme in the townships.

Sadly for some extremely well-intentioned men, it has all gone horribly wrong. As the world's media start to gather for Neison Mandela's release - there is as much talk in the press box of shared experiences in Tiananmen Square much longer even if the South and Romania as there is about cricket — it still remains inexplicable that the South African Government allows

England bowlers harshly treated

From Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent, Barbados

In these impressionable early haps sensed as much and days of a tour, when all things remain possible, the smallest occurrences will disproportionately comfort or depress. Yesterday's early bulletins seemed almost uniformly encouraging to an England side engaged in its first competitive match of the tour. Old hands, however, were not taken in.

News that Viv Richards and Malcolm Marshall remain troubled by injuries was followed by visual evidence of truth in the dubious rumours of slower pitches around the Caribbean. Further succour arrived in the shape of a vibrant 78 by Nasser Hussain, the most contentious of all England's tour selections, with a talent precocious enough to be abused. Then came a salutory session for England's wayward bowlers as the young Barbadian openers, Michael Inniss and Filo Wallace, put on 83 in 16 overs.

Until then the tangible debits were confined to the predictable. Allan Lamb. whose calf muscle continues to cause concern, will definitely miss the initial firstclass game, starting in St Kitts on Friday. Ricky Ellcock can also be discounted.

Friday's opponents, the Leeward Islands, were yesterday crowned as champions of the Caribbean for the first time. They have won all four of their Red Stripe Cup games despite the absence of Richards, who broke a finger on the first day of the season.

Richards has confirmed he will miss the game against England, but it would have been more surprising if he had played. He has made a tradition of being indisposed for fixtures against touring teams. as if their anonymous nature affronts him. It will worry the West Indian selectors more that Marshall, already the victim of back spasms this season, now has an arm

Nothing, however, could invite disaster more readily opposition. Richards has per-

retorts: "The way it seems, it is like the pressure is on us. It seems we are the underdogs. I hate to do my talking off the field but when the games start ... that's when we tend to know who are the men and the

To put events more firmly in perspective, yesterday's opponents - a team of Barbados hopefuls - were essentially boys and the pitch, though unarguably slow, was probably unrepresentative of the type which will be prepared when the serious business starts. Kensington Ova. remains the quickest surface in the islands when the groundsman is given the nod; more encouraging for England is that, on all available evidence, Kingston's Sabina Park, venue for the First Test, is behaving more consistently these days.

Hussain's innings was far from unblemished but, in Concert with Larkins's volatile 38 on Monday, it at least indicates that the two most adventurous strokemakers in the party are acclimatizing.

Here, against some gentle swing bowling and aided by truly deplorable fielding, he survived an edgy start and lavishly enjoyed himself for more than two hours. Good. and Bailey had gone early. undone by the sluggish pitch. but Smith and Capel both looked as commanding as the circumstances merited and the 50 overs total of 237 for six

I Capel run out.

J Stewart C Springer b Maxwell
C Russell not out.

A J DeFreitas not out.

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Total (6 wits, 50 overs) 25
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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-23, 3-78.4
180, 5-204, 6-213.
BOM.ING: Johnson 10-2-43-2: Marriel
9-1-37-1; Springer 10-0-38-1; Floach 16-1-48-1; Marthews 6-0-36-0; Alleyne 5-0-38-1

CARBADOS XI: M Inniss. P Water & Campbell, M Seaty. J Alleyne, M Mathews. H. Puckerin, T Roach, A Johnson, D Springer, G Masswell, Umpires: S.Parris and N. Harnson.

More cricket. Page 4



GENEROSITY CURES THE CAT.

Like Macavity, Cleo was a mystery cat. No-one knew where she had come from - or where she belonged.

But one thing was clear. When Cleo arrived on our doorstep, she was a very sick animal indeed.

Thanks to the care and attention of the Blue Cross staff, however, Cleo was soon on the mend. And we had added another success to the hundreds of ill and injured animals we help every year.

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Charlton fear threat of closure

Roger Alwen, the Charlton Athletic chairman, has warned that the club's future will be in danger if, as expected, their proposals to return to The Valley are thrown out by Greenwich Council's planning and transport committee tomorrow.

Council officers have recommended rejection of Charlton's planning applica-tion to redevelop their former ground because of traffic, lack of parking, the use of the stadium for non-football events and the club's proposal for commercial offices and banqueting facilities. But Alwen said: "We cannot

continue to sustain the financial losses in our groundsharing at Selhurst Park. We are perfectly placed to provide the newest and best all-seater stadium in the country. cannot believe the Council would turn down such an opportunity."

Charlton already have the right to play football at The

The public inquiry to try to obtain a compulsory purchase order on Fulham football club's ground, Craven Cottage, began at Fulham Town Hall yesterday, despite Fulham's announcement that they have agreed to leave the

Although the club has agreed a £13 million deal with Cabra Estates, the owners of the ground, Hammersmith and Fulham council plan to attempt to obtain a compulsory purchase order.

Councillor Gordon Prentice said: "We do not have the support of Jimmy Hill and the directors, but we do have the overwhelming support of the fans and everyone who is committed to keeping football

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They would then get most of

continued. In 1983. Anatoliy Pissareako, the world superheavyweight champion, was found by customs officers to

on arriving in Montrea. Two years later. Tony Fitton, the British powerlifter who was third in the 1976 world championships, was sentenced to 41/2 years in jail in

Two months ago, Steve Pinsent, the 1982 Commonwealth champion, was jailed in Aylesbury for supplying normone drugs. Pinsent was a link in a long and intricate

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Leeds raid union for Irvine

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terday: "There is a spot for

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is only 22. We feel he can

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Carter added: "We regard

players. by signing Simon Irvine, the England B centre, Irvine made the move into the professional ranks for a fee believed to be in the region of £65,000, spread over a four-

year deal. Leeds have therefore bolstered their recruitment of union players, following their capture of John Bentley, the Sale and former England wing three quarter, and Robert Ackerman, the ex-Welsh international, who joined them recently from the Cumrugby league club

Whitehaven. Leeds hope tocomplete the most expensive part of their rebuilding programme later this week, by signing David Young and Tony Clement, the Welsh rugby union inter-nationals. Young is said to be uncertain about the move

more promising young England rugby union centres, had been masked by reports that Leeds were about to sign Neil Summers, the Headingly scrum half. Leeds recognize Summers's talent but wanted Irvine because, as Bill Carter, their club secretary, said yes-

become a real success. He has been playing good rugby for quite a while. He is a nicely although Clement is keen. The move for Irvine, generally regarded as one of the built lad for a centre and we think he will adapt well." Bentley was the first player Leeds had signed from rugby union for some years. But if they clinch the capture of Young and Clement there will be a considerable gathering of

SPORT IN BRIEF

Pakistan event plan

Islamabad (Reuter) - Pakistan are planning an international one-day cricket tournament later this year to which they aim to attract all the leading cricket-playing countries. The commerce minister.

Syed Faisal Saleh Hayat, said yesterday the tournament would be played at all main cricket centres, with some Dubai (AP) - Severiano matches under floodlights.

Revenge hope

East German athletes will get the chance to avenge two significant defeats in the European and World Cup competitions by Great Britain when they compete in the Dairy Crest Games at Glasgow's Kelvin Hall on February 23. The Germans' strongest possible side is expected.



Head of field

Ballesteros, of Spain, heads

the field in next month's

Emirates Airline Desert Golf Classic in Dubai. **Brussels stage** Brussels (Reuter) - Brussels

will next year stage the inaugurai Clympic Youth Games for athletes aged 14 to 16 from all European countries, it was announced yesterday. Some 2.500 athletes are expected to take part in the event from July 18 to 20.

Charity game Munich (AP) - The West German football champions, Bayern Munich, will play the Romanian World Cup team in a charity match on February 7

at the Olympic stadium in Munich, to raise money for needy Romanians. Baby break Oslo (Reuter) - Ingrid Kristiansen, aged 33, the

expects to compete at next year's world championships. Car backing

world's greatest woman dis-

tance runner, is expecting her

second child, on July 25, but

The German Open golf championship will be sponsored for the next three years by the Swedish car company

Griffiths's job Caroline Griffiths has been elected chairman of the Women Professional Golfers' European Tour.

than for England to start imagining the collapse of the

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